

Report: Councilmember Watson sexually harassed city employee

Vows of love, threats to job, demands for jogging, hugging, wine sharing

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ARCATA – A report prepared by an outside investigator has concluded that City Councilmember Brett Watson sexually harassed a married female city staff member in September, 2021. That incident followed a pattern of inappropriate conduct which the report says was “motivated by his romantic interest” in the employee.

Broadly, the report describes an elected official spiraling into erratic, obsessive and bullying behavior, fueled by personal tragedy and mental illness and further amplified by substance abuse. The victim consistently declines his advances, attempts to set boundaries and guide him back to functionality while spending enormous time and effort “buffering” the city and staff from his excesses.

No physical assaults are mentioned, though the harassed employee was expected to provide Watson with lengthy and inappropriate hugs when meeting at City Hall.

“It is also undisputed that Watson abused

his power as a City Councilmember by expecting [redacted] to spend time with him outside of City Hall; to respond to his calls and text messages outside of regular work hours; to engage in communications of a personal nature with him; and to hug him each time they met in his capacity as a Councilmember and her capacity as the [redacted],” states the report. “The credible evidence presented during the investigation establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the allegations against Watson are sustained.”

Dated April 12 and prepared by Bala Cynwyd, Penn.-based Kramer Workplace Investigations, the long-awaited, 600-page report commissioned by the City of Arcata follows an investigation that was first mentioned following the City Council’s vote of “no confidence” in Watson last October. It was obtained via a April 26 Public Records Act request filed with the city by the *Mad River Union*. The frequently redacted 28-page report is based on witness interviews plus text and email messages, and includes lengthy

appendices consisting of email and text messages between Watson and other city personnel.

The report at times reads like notes passed between high schoolers, other times like a soap opera and in the aggregate, tells an increasingly unnerving tale of obsession and near-stalking, with one person’s reckless misbehavior taking a toll on many other individuals as well as city business.

Councilmember Brett Watson offered the following comments:

“I received a copy of the investigation on May 4th after the rest of the council had access to it for over a week. I haven’t had a chance to review it in its entirety.

“I made myself available to the investigator for several months. The staff worked with the investigator to deny me reasonable accommodations per an email sent from the staff to the investigator on February 10th. Despite this, I made myself available to the investigator on March 25th per an email to staff. I followed up

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City Councilmember Brett Watson

“I’ve never harassed anyone in my life and I’ve worked tirelessly for the residents of Arcata.”

Humboldt seeks crackdown on ‘open air drug market’

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Local law enforcers say “an open air drug market” in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco is flooding Humboldt County with fentanyl and the Board of Supervisors is warning of potential legal action.

The board’s May 3 discussion about it wasn’t without debate, however, as one supervisor has doubts about the letter’s contents and the discussion being in open session.

The letter is addressed to San Francisco County District Attorney Chesa Boudin, who is facing a recall election that’s focused on crime and his prosecution policies.

Highlighting increases in fentanyl use and overdose



INBOUND FROM BAY AREA The day after supervisors approved the letter, Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HC-DTF) agents stopped a vehicle inbound from Oakland at the county line, seizing 3.5 ounces of fentanyl, a digital scale and packaging. The four occupants were arrested on charges of possession of fentanyl for sale, transportation of fentanyl, transportation of fentanyl across non-contiguous counties and conspiracy. This was just one of several fentanyl importation-related incidents. Via HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE deaths both in San Francisco and Humboldt, the letter calls on Boudin to “prose-

cute the dealers that have taken over your county.” Supervisor Rex Bohn

said the “open air drug market” in the Tenderloin is seriously affecting Humboldt.

“This has gotten out of hand – people are dying in our streets, and they’re dying within hours of this product being picked up in the Tenderloin,” he continued. “Is this a shot across the bow? Yeah, it is.”

Bohn related that “somebody thought that this is political” and he referred to “three deaths in an hour in Arcata” as an example of the letter’s motivation.

Arcata had five suspected fentanyl overdose deaths in a one week period in late April.

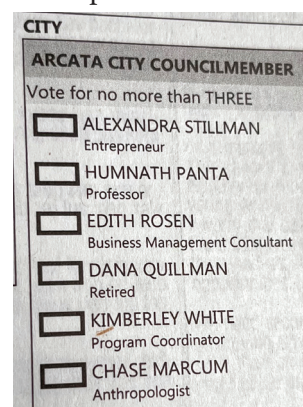
Humboldt Sheriff Billy Honsal said the situation is “a big issue” and there were 35 fentanyl overdose deaths last year and 18 so

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Voter Guide botches listing

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ARCATA – The Humboldt County Office of Elections has reported an error on the ballot instruction in the



registered voters in the City of Arcata on Monday, May 9.

The Humboldt County Office of Elections can be reached at (707) 445-7481 or by email at humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us

Voter Information Guide for the Arcata City Councilmember contest on the Statewide Primary Election ballot in the June 7 election.

The instruction states “Vote for no more than THREE” candidates. The instruction *should* read “Vote for One” candidate.

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COOPERATION HUMBOLDT
EUREKA – Cooperation Humboldt’s Community Food Guide is available now at newsstands throughout Humboldt and Del Norte counties, as well as at the North Coast Co-op and the North Coast Growers Association booth at local farmers markets.

Content can also be accessed online at cooperationhumboldt.org.

The Food Guide is an annual magazine that supports access, equity, education, and empowerment in our local food system.

This year’s edition is packed with useful information about why local food is important, how to find it, and how you can grow your own garden here on the North Coast.

It includes directories of local food producers as well as editorial content highlighting issues surrounding food sovereignty and social justice plus lots of hands-on information about



gardening in our bioregion.

All of the articles are available in Spanish online.

“Food influences every one of our lives, and has the potential to bring us together and care for one another in community,” explains Tamara

McFarland, editor of the Guide, “In this publication, we have aimed to prioritize the food needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, highlight Indigenous voices and explore connections between race, class, gender identity and food. We believe that access to nutritious and culturally appropriate food is a fundamental human right, and that communities should have the right to determine how their food is produced and distributed. This Guide is an important tool for sharing that vision and bringing it to fruition.”

Cooperation Humboldt’s food team also provides Little Free Pantries to facilitate neighborhood sharing, empowers new and aspiring low-income gardeners to grow food through their free mini gardens, plants community fruit trees, and offers a variety of educational opportunities relating to food production. Learn more at cooperationhumboldt.org.

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1. Paper quantity

5. Blaze up suddenly

10. "I smell ___!"

14. Doing nothing

15. Place for a carnation

16. Start of a Canadian province

17. Appear

18. Plato's last letter

19. Put on weight

20. Patella

22. Means

24. Kook

25. Miniature representation

26. Lacking originality

29. Jogged

30. Largest internal organ

34. City near Lake Tahoe

35. ___Margret

36. Recess

37. IRA or Keogh: abbr.

38. School

40. Ending for brown or baker

41. 0

43. Mont Blanc, for one

44. Undesirable spots

45. Fling

46. Place where the meals are nothing but slop

47. Take away by force

48. Sharp weapon

50. Heart: Lat.

51. Trespasser

54. Coax

58. Shout "Rah! Rah!"

59. Eagle's nursery

61. Brown quickly

62. Prefix for trust or body

63. Controls

64. Fictional estate

65. Spotted

66. Nose, slangily

67. Bench piece

DOWN

1. Jeopardy

2. Famous garden

3. Nautical term

4. Keepsake

5. Ice cream concoction

6. Room brightener

7. Hairy one

8. Area

9. African beast

10. Sweet and innocent

11. Equine shade

12. Enthusiastic

13. Browns

21. ___ card

23. Kojak's portrayer

25. Order

26. Across: pref.

27. Sum up

28. Bring upon oneself

29. Genetic material

31. Express

32. Smooths

33. Change the clock

35. One of 5 in "Hamlet"

36. Elec. unit

38. Leading

39. Actor Ron ___

42. Canned ham's coating

44. Takes into custody

46. Window covering

47. Distress

49. Gets close to

50. Box with a lid

51. Gershwin and others

52. Zilch

53. Do one's civic duty

54. Tipsy one

55. Good buy

56. Zhivago's love

57. He was: Lat.

60. Atlantic resort, for short

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Dunes hiker escorted out

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– On Tuesday, May 3 at about 9 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Mad River Beach/Lamphre Dunes area near Arcata for the report of a lost hiker.

The hiker, a 30-year-old male, contacted the Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center after becoming lost in the dunes around dusk. Deputies responded to the area and located the man in good health. Deputies escorted the man back to his vehicle without further incident.

As the days get longer and temperatures begin

to warm, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office urges the community to take extra precautions when hiking or recreating outdoors. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Always hike with a group, or at least one other person, and stay together.
- Check the weather forecast before heading out to hike or camp and plan your trip accordingly.
- Know your skill level and physical capabilities-choose trails within your or your group's ability.

❖ Corrections

For anyone still looking for the TerryToons advertised on last week's front page as being on page 13, we have exciting news! You will find them on page 11.

Also, extensive research has yielded fresh revelations regarding the correct spelling of Soroptimist.

Unpaid Arcata utility bills go to collections after May 31

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata would like to remind the community that the moratorium on water service lock-offs for non-payment ended on Dec. 31, 2021. This moratorium was put in place by the State of California due to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

The City's Finance Department will begin to send all past due utility balances of \$50 or greater billed through April to collections on Wednesday, June 1. To avoid a past due balance being sent to collections, residents must pay their balance no later than Tuesday, May 31.

The Finance Department will not be accepting payment plans in order to avoid collections at this time, however Financial Credit Network (FCN) will offer a payment plan option. FCN will also withhold credit reporting on these active accounts for one year. The city will resume water lock-offs for all past due balances after July 1, 2022.

Residents that are unable to pay in full by May 31 will be contacted by FCN directly to schedule a payment plan. Residents will be responsible for paying their past due balance to FCN, and current charges to the City of Arcata. Residents that fail to pay their upcoming May bill will be subject to city late fees and lock-off.

Residents are able to view their balance and pay utility bills online at arcata.merchantrtransact.com. Payments may also be made over the phone by calling (707) 827-1114, or in-person Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall, located at 736 F St.

For more information, please contact the Finance Department by email at finance@cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-5951.

- If doing a day hike, know what time the sun begins to set. Research the trail ahead of time and anticipate how long it will take to hike. Begin hiking early so that you will have plenty of daylight to get back.
- Inform someone of your travel plans-let them know where you are going, your planned route, when

you plan to return and emergency numbers to call if you do not return at the scheduled time.

- Bring a charged cell phone with you in case of emergencies, but do not rely on cell service in all areas.
- Bring a flashlight, warm clothes, high energy snacks and water, in case your hike goes longer than expected.
- If you get lost, stop where you are and assess the situation. Try to determine your location. If you are sure you can get yourself out using a map and compass, do so-otherwise stay put.

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Now is the time to not dump and run

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata needs community members’ help to eliminate illegal dumping and unsightly littering in city streets, alleys and other public rights-of-way.

The city is required to keep streets and sidewalks clean and safe, and city crews must often stop other work to pick up the unwanted mattresses, sofas and clothes for transport to the landfill.

Community members that no longer need items are encouraged to try donating them first. This ensures that unwanted items do not end up in the landfill and that the person on the receiving end will save money and resources by not buying it new. There are various local thrift stores that will accept gently used items that are in good condition. A list of local thrift stores and non-profits can be found on our city website and on the City’s “Don’t Dump and Run” brochure, available at City Hall or online at tinyurl.com/DDR-Moving-Recycling-Guide. Please make sure that all items are clean, dry, and in good working condition. Please call before donating to confirm what items are accepted and the business’s operating hours.

If thrift stores and non-profits can’t take your items, make sure to take it to the appropriate disposal site. Check the Materials Management Guide, tinyurl.com/Materials-Management-Guide, to learn how to properly dispose of everything from a light bulb to appliances and furniture.

Residential Recology account holders are entitled to two bulky item pick-ups a year at no extra cost. Call

Recology at 707-683-4853 to schedule a pick-up. To report illegal dumping, call APD at (707) 822-2424. For more information on zero waste practices visit, cityofarcata.org or call Environmental Services at (707) 822-8184.

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“I am a very strong supporter of Steve Madrone, because he has shown us, the people, clearly that he is a leader who operates from the heart. I believe this is what 5th District and, the whole world, needs now.” - Allie Lindgren, Yurok Elder, Culture Committee, Yurok Tribe, Trinidad

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Fentanyl | ‘Legal remedy’

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far this year.

He added that in 2019 and 2020, the combined total of local fentanyl arrests was eight. But in 2021, the arrest number spiked to 71 and it's 62 so far this year.

Supervisors acknowledged the seriousness of the situation and supported sending a draft of the letter which said, "If we cannot reach a mutually acceptable solution shortly, we will have no options but to seek a legal remedy."

The threat made Supervisor Mike Wilson uneasy. He said legal action hasn't been approved by the board and shouldn't be talked about in open session.

He also sees political overtones due to the recall election and said the scope of the letter should include other San Francisco city and county officials.

Wilson also questioned whether prosecution – both in the Tenderloin and generally – will effectively address drug availability and use.

"We know the whack-a-mole sort of issue that surrounds the war on drugs," he said, adding that "the biggest issue tends to be what's going on in people's lives."

Wilson also suggested that Fentanyl is coming into Humboldt from a variety of locations.

In response, Honsal said there are obvious links between drug sales in San Francisco and those in Humboldt County.

"If we weren't seeing this



Mike Wilson
'Whack-a-mole sort of issue'

virtually every single time, in every single one of our arrests as we follow people down there, it would be a different story," he said. "The fact is, virtually every one of our arrests if coming from the Tenderloin district in San Francisco."

Honsal acknowledged the limited efficacy of arrests but said that "even though we know we may just stop a little bit as opposed to the flood that's coming in here, it can matter."

He credited Humboldt District Attorney Maggie Fleming for "an excellent job holding these people accountable" and said the letter is a heads-up to dealers.

"We're telling them that we're following them down there," said Honsal.

Wilson reiterated his concerns and noted Humboldt's own reputation.

"The irony in Humboldt County speaking to other jurisdictions about the export of drugs, legal or otherwise, is not lost on many people," he said.

He also said racial and economic justice issues surround drug prosecution.

Wilson's comments provoked some pushback. But Supervisor Steve Madrone agreed that the "root causes" of drug use and activity stem from job, housing and mental health issues.

Sending the letter eventually got unanimous approval with a change of wording saying "we may consider legal remedies" rather than "we will have no options but to seek a legal remedy."

An eager pair of pandy pups, Ozzie and Apollo

People often ask us whether we are seeing a lot of abandoned/returned pandemic puppies. I usually answer "no," mostly because of how many puppies were adopted over the two years – Redwood Pals alone handled 13 litters! – and how few have requested rehoming.

That said, there are some for sure. Lots of people have seen their work and family circumstances turned upside down. Also, the pandemic made some forms of training more challenging and not everyone was up to the challenge.

There are a lot of dogs in the one- to two-year old range at the shelter; many of them may be coming from one of these situations. Fortunately, these young dogs are more than eager for more training and have all the potential to become perfect family dogs!

Two-year-old Ozzie may be one of these pups. He is fun, playful, and eager to make new human and dog friends. We love his golden eyes and gorgeous cream-colored coat. Ozzie is reportedly a husky and German Shepherd mix. Ozzie has quite a few friends at the shelter, both human and canine. The volunteers love how affectionate he is and how he loves to have his lovely thick coat petted.

Longest canine resident Evie is quite fond of Ozzie. She likes the big handsome boys! Redwood Pals' girl Ladybird wore him out in



Ozzie

the play yard the other day; her play style involves more running and he has a preference for rolling on the ground with his playmate.

Ozzie already knows several obedience directions including Sit, Shake and Down. He is food-motivated and an eager student. Ozzie loves his toys and is surprisingly gentle with them. He seems to be quite capable of self-entertaining; shelter staff have seen him happily tossing his toys around in the kennel when he thinks no one is looking!

Ozzie would love to find a home where his new family will play with him and take him out for adventures. He has been friendly with all of the dogs he has met which is always a plus out in the trail. Ozzie weighs in at around 65 pounds and may



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal

be a candidate to do well in a home with cats.

Come meet Ozzie today! Apply to adopt Ozzie by going to humboldt.gov.org/2658/Animal-Shelter or give the shelter a call at (707) 840-9132.

Apollo was one of our Redwood Pals pandemic puppies. His purebred German Shepherd mama came into the county shelter quite pregnant. One of our great fosters took her home to give her a good place for bringing her pups into the world. These are some lovely dogs! DNA said dad was a lab mix.

Apollo is 10 months old. He has had some training, is housebroken and crate-trained. His people say he is good with kids, cats, and goats though he is an energetic fellow



Apollo

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OBITUARY

Life of Bruce Miller

Bruce Miller, born July 10, 1943 in Missoula, Montana, was a man with a lot of passion and strength. He fought off two bouts of cancer – 2004 (throat), 2018 (bladder). His third bout with esophagus cancer took his strength and his life.

Bruce went to his heaven peacefully on Easter Sunday. His last clear words spoken were, "Alexa. Shut me down." His wish was granted prior to midnight April 17, 2022.

Predeceased by his parents, Frederick Alton Miller and Mary Holmes Green Miller born in Montana, Bruce traveled with his family to Dunsmuir, California when he was two months old. His father worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad from Klamath Falls, Oregon to Dunsmuir, California.

At Dunsmuir, Bruce attended kindergarten in the office of the housing project where they lived. He was not the easiest child to nurture – always into mischief in school that drove the teachers wild. His dog always followed him to school. His mother was called in for a conference. The teacher said it was okay for his dog to stay, but Bruce was the problem. She needed help in how to handle him. His Dad called him "bucket head" a nickname that stuck in the family.

At the age of 7 Bruce lost his father in a railroad accident. The family moved to Gerber where Bruce attended Gerber grammar school and participated in 4-H and other youth activities. He had a pig called Lila. Bruce attended Los Molinos High School where he was active in FFA with a pig called Elvis. Living in the country Bruce was able to get a driver's license at 14 ½ yrs. of age.

Bruce nearly didn't graduate high school as he'd thrown the janitor's broom up in a tree. His Mom was called to school again. After thinking about it, Bruce was allowed to graduate as the teachers dreaded the thought of him returning the following year. Reluctantly, his mother signed for Bruce to join the U.S. Navy after high school at the age of 17 as he planned to join anyway on his 18th birthday. By joining at 17 he served the minority cruise of a three-year stint instead of four years. He was proud of this military service that opened his eyes to traveling. Bruce sailed on the U.S.S. Midway aircraft carrier to Hawaii, Philippines and Japan.

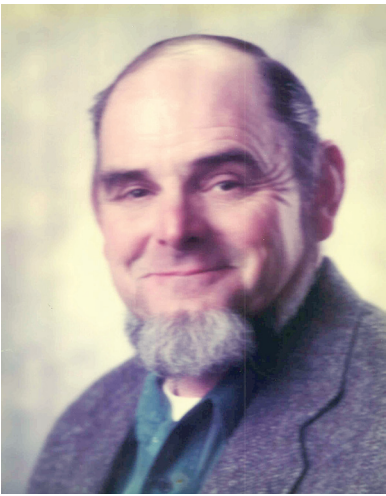
Four months out of the Navy found Bruce attending Shasta College under the GI bill and working at U.S. Plywood in Anderson, California. He and a friend Garnett decided to take a weekend trip to the coast where he met Rowetta Stapp. They were attracted to each other, discovered their love for dance, and after that first wild weekend together their love blossomed into a marriage August 7, 1965.

Bruce moved to Eureka and worked in the woods setting choker for a short time prior to beginning work during the startup of the pulp mill in Samoa. He worked 30 days straight after their wedding. Bruce and Rowetta's first home was a 40-foot trailer until they moved to Redding in 1966 where Bruce returned to Shasta College. They moved from Redding to Shingletown and Bruce drove the school bus from Viola to Redding, attended college during the day, and drove the school bus home in the afternoon. He graduated in 1968 when oldest son Chad was a week old.

To continue education, Bruce's family moved back to Humboldt County where Bruce enrolled at Humboldt State University. He drove school bus, attended college in the day, and graduated in 1970 –the year 2nd son Jason was born. Bruce drove water truck for Simpson Timber during the summer. Third son Cedric was born the year Bruce received his teaching credential in 1972.

Bruce decided teaching was not for him. He loved being a heavy equipment operator, and he took pride in driving the road grader for Simpson/Green Diamond where he had worked for over forty years prior to his retirement in 2011. When Rowetta's parents passed, Bruce and Rowetta were able to take on the work of the homestead in Showers Pass known as Bootjack Timber.

After living in a doublewide mobile for 9 ½ years, and raising three sons, more space was needed. Good spirits followed Bruce and Rowetta as they discovered ideal Fieldbrook property in 1976 that was for sale.



They had a home built and became active in the community. Bruce was a 4-H leader over 25 years. Swine and fairs were his specialty. He began what's known as the Pig-Out Ranch and raised pigs for many years.

He was active with a variety of his sons' activities –4-H, FFA, soccer, football, baseball, basketball, drama, and wrestling. Later, he loved attending the HSU girls' softball games. Sons being off to college out of the area, and in other countries, created more places to travel. Many trips were taken.

Great travel adventures were to Alaska, Canada, Caribbean, Mexico, Panama Canal, Costa Rica, Hawaii, Sweden, Norway, Scotland, England, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Portugal, Spain, Russia, Estonia, South Korea, Italy, Turkey, Taiwan, England, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Fiji Islands, Argentina, and Brazil. Also trip by train across United States to New York was an adventure right after Bruce's truck's brakes locked up, and he rolled down over the bank on Gordon Road in Showers Pass.

Bruce's life never slowed with travels to see the world. Alaska was the first of many cruises. Bruce liked unpacking only once until his last cruise when Rowetta became ill and they were put off the ship in Brazil. Bruce was up all night packing all the suitcases. Bruce with his I-pad was able to communicate from Brazil to make arrangements to get them home after a week's stay in the hospital and hotel where the Tapajos River meets the Amazon.

COVID cancelled trips to Tahiti, Iceland, and family to Alaska. One can't ask for a better travel partner than Bruce as he's always aware of what was going on around him – perhaps from the old Navy training and his traveling.

In addition to his parents, Bruce was predeceased by a brother Grover E. Miller II, his parent-in-laws Marvin and Isabel Stapp, his Grandfather James Green and Grandmother Ethel Myers Green, Grandfather Grover E. Miller and Lilly Grace Fox Miller, Aunt Helen Kirkorian (Mike), Un-

cle Robert Green (Veda), and Uncle Donald Green (Dorothy), Aunt Jean Tuttle (Allen), and Uncle Joseph Miller (Marge).

Bruce is survived by his loving wife and dancing partner Rowetta Faye Stapp Miller and their three sons Chad Alton (Lynette), Jason Devoe (Holly), and Cedric Garth (Rachel). He is also survived by a brother Chip Miller (Bonney), and sister Perdita Miller (Don Timmons). Bruce's grandchildren that survive him are Sadie Isabel, Sophie Jean, Liam Matthew, and Jade Emily; sister-in-laws Tanya Currier (Gene) and Anita Diaz; brothers-in-laws Aron Stapp and Brian Stapp (Karen); and by many cousins, nephews, nieces, too numerous to mention for fear of leaving one out.

Bruce was respected for all the time he gave to youth in sports and as a leader in raising pigs for 4-H and FFA members. He had such a family and community spirit, doing everything with so much heart. Bruce was a kind man, husband, and community-oriented person who went out of his way to help everyone he knew.

He desired to have his love and thanks expressed to all the great nurses and doctors who saw him through difficult times over the last two years. Special thanks to Hospice for guidance of volunteers both day and night.

Bruce and Rowetta's last dance together was at the Fieldbrook Market & Eatery located in the community they hold dear in their hearts. Bruce's family was with him at home on Easter Sunday where he had a peaceful and fitting send off. Bruce lived life to the fullest and accumulated so many friends along the way.

Near the end Bruce wished for a celebration of life, "I'd like a Wake while I'm awake—or not," This celebration of his life will be at the Moose in Eureka in the afternoon of July 10, 2022. It would have been his 79th birthday. Family and friends are invited to join the festivities and perhaps share a story or two, drink a toast to a life well lived, enjoy food and music, and reacquaint with family and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to a Cancer association, the Alzheimer's group "Fieldbrook Friends Forever," charity of your choice, or the non-profit Fieldbrook Community Club that Bruce worked diligently for as Grange Master and community member for over 41 years helping to keep the hall open for use by the Fieldbrook community.



EVERGREEN OPEN HOUSE

EVERGREEN RIBBON CUTTING Barbie Turnbaugh and Evergreen Home Loans held a Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Friday, May 6 at their office at 1690 Sutter Rd. in McKinleyville. Visit them at evergreenhomeloans.com. Food was provided by Carmela's and the Pony Keg served local beer and margaritas. "My focus is on helping you obtain a loan that is affordable and allows you to achieve your goals," states Turnbaugh. **MATT FILAR | UNION**



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Learning, sharing, volunteering, breakfasting

Shoshoni Gensaw-Hostler captivated 25 Trinidad Museum members and guests during her courtyard talk on Native American ceremonial dress and regalia-making at the museum's Annual Meeting on May 1.

She brought some of the 23 dresses and other adornments and ceremonial pieces which she has created with leather, shells, bear grass, pine nuts, beads, fur and other materials.

Shoshoni works with the Yurok Tribe and lives with her family, many of whom accompanied her to the meeting, in Hoopa.

She earned her Master's Degree at Humboldt State University. Some of Shoshoni's

creations are on view at the museum now. A future exhibit may include several of her intricate, stunningly beautiful dresses.

During the Annual Meeting Shoshini was elected to the Board of Directors of Trinidad Museum along with incumbent Directors Jim Webb and Dennis Koutouzos for three-year terms.

They join Scott Baker, Virginia Waters, Mary Spinas Kline, Jill Mefford, Matthew Marshall and Patti Fleschner on the Board.

Volunteer Docents Mary Spinas Kline, Jim Webb, Susan Wagner, Maggie McCune, Martha Sue Davis, Jill Mefford, and Sara Long, also social media administrator, were thanked for their service along with tireless garden volunteers Ingrid Bailey, Mary Spinas Kline, Jill Mefford, Virginia Waters, Carol Mone, Julie Weeder, Jan Van Alten, Carl and Maija Kalb, Karen Hildebrand, Gavin Scott, Bob Battagin, Aaron Hakenen and retired garden volunteers Claire Perricelli and Laraine Cook.

Lighthouse Docents Willie Stein, Matthew Dodge, Howdy Emerson, Michelle McHenry, Wendy Robertson and Jim Webb also were recognized along with Registrar and Collections Manager Alexandra and Web Page Manager Amanda Nelson.

Museum founder Bruce Pettit was present to introduce the new exhibit "Notable Trinidad Sculptors:


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Patti Fleschner

DRESSMAKING Shoshoni Gensaw-Hostler describes her ceremonial dress-making process to Trinidad Museum docents Susan Wagner and Maggie McCune at museum annual meeting.

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Guests were invited to tour the gardens and the recently updated exhibits in the Natural History, Heritage and Native American Rooms.

Trinidad Museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at 400 Janis Court off Patrick's Point Drive.

Thursdays in the Redwoods Native Plant Garden volunteer Carol Mone also volunteers for the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust at Stewardship Work days.

Every Thursday through May, from 10 a.m. to noon, Carol invites native plant enthusiasts to join her on a mission to completely eradicate English ivy from Bruno Groth Redwood Grove.

This is a rare opportunity to see the final stages of restoration and participate

in its success. Bring gloves, clippers and your sense of community spirit! No registration is required.

Meet in the Murphy's parking lot at 10 a.m. Questions? Email zoe@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org.

Lions Club breakfast returns soon

Trinidad Lions Club will serve breakfast again at Trinidad School Cafeteria on Sunday, May 29 from 8 to 11 a.m. Pancakes and eggs with ham or sausage or biscuits and gravy with eggs are on the menu for only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

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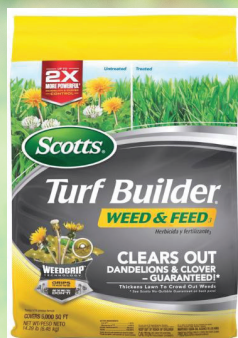
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Arcata Fire looks to better align its name with its service area

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McKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – The Arcata Fire District may change its name in an effort to better inform the public about the communities it serves. The district serves a 62-square-mile area that includes McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Manila and Jacoby Creek.

However, when supporters of the fire district have campaigned in the past for funding measures, they’ve discovered that is common for people to mistakenly think that the district only serves Arcata.

“A new name would express belonging to a large geographical area that serves several communities vs a single name that suggest one community,” wrote Fire Chief Justin McDonald in a report to the district’s Board of Directors. “A name change may assist with a new attitude, that of a department that is moving forward.”

The district board was scheduled to discuss the name change at its meeting Tuesday, May 10, held after the *Union* went to press.

McDonald included a list of potential new names. They include Hum-

boldt Fire District #5, Mad River Fire District, North Bay Fire District, North Coast Fire District, Northern Humboldt Fire District, Redwood Empire Fire District and Redwood Coast Fire District.

According to McDonald, the volunteer fire department, which dates back to 1884, has changed its name seven times. The district, established in 1944, was originally called Humboldt Fire District #5.

In his report, McDonald included a list of California fire departments with names similar to those on his list of potential names, but noted that none of them include the words “North Coast” or “Mad River.”

It’s not clear all of the expenses that would come from a name change, but when the idea was suggested in 2014, the district budgeted \$10,000 to pay for new badges, patches, vehicle door decals, station signs, uniforms, stationery, a website and Facebook update and fees associated with state and county paperwork.

If the board sets the name change as a goal, then there would be a process set up for public input and deciding which name to use.

McKMAC getting into the weeds, arteries

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION
McKINLEYVILLE – Overgrown weeds on School Road and the possibility of McKinleyville Avenue connecting to the major arterial may be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC.)

The county advisory committee briefly discussed the topics at its April 27 meeting, which was originally dedicated what was expected to be a lengthy discussion about the McKinleyville Town Center Ordinance. However, that agenda item was pulled.

Supervising Planner Michael Richardson explained to the committee that Planning Director John Ford is busy rewriting a new, simplified draft of the ordinance and needed more time.

The document is tentatively scheduled to be discussed at the Wednesday, May 27 meeting of the McKMAC. The meetings are now hybrid, and can be attended in person at 6 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville or via Zoom. The agenda and Zoom link are typically

posted at humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committee the Friday before each meeting.

At a future meeting, yet to be decided but possibly in June, the committee will discuss School Road, one of the major roadways connecting Central Avenue to U.S. Highway 101. One issue is the overgrown weeds alongside the road and in the median strip.

Committee member Greg Orsini said that perhaps the Board of Supervisors could formally request that county Public Works have a specific schedule for mowing and cutting weeds along the roadway.

“Greg, I think it’s a great idea,” responded Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone, who said that he has previously worked on cutting weeds along School Road himself and it took him five weeks to get the job done.

A committee member asked Madrone is if there is anything that can be done about the roads in the Calville portion of McKinleyville. Calville is located on the east side of town off Sutter Road.

The roads are full of potholes

and standing water.

Madrone explained that the area was developed “willy nilly” years ago without much of a plan. The roads and homes were placed on wetlands. And most of the roads in the area are private, with property lines extending to the middle of the roads.

The county cannot legally pay for improvements to private property.

Madrone called the situation “super complicated.”

Another issue the committee may discuss at an upcoming meeting is connecting McKinleyville Avenue to School Road. McKinleyville Avenue now dead ends at its south end. There is undeveloped privately owned land between the end of McKinleyville Avenue and the roundabout on School Road.

Years ago, a developer received approval to subdivide the property for a housing development. As part of that project, the builder would have been required to build a road connecting McKinleyville Avenue and School Road. The subdivision was never built and the permits have now expired.

Watson | Read the complete story and investigation report at *madriverunion.com*

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with staff on April 5th to reiterate my availability and that I had not been contacted by the investigator. I was never contacted by the investigator.

“From the very beginning I’ve been denied due process and reasonable accommodations.

“I’ve never harassed anyone in my life and I’ve worked tirelessly for the residents of Arcata.

“I’ll likely make further comment after I’ve been able to completely review the report and additional documents.

“I’m grateful to the public for their continued support over the last several months.”

Stated Mayor Stacy Atkins-Salazar: “The City takes all the findings in the investigations seriously and intends to address them in a special meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Until that time, we do not feel it is appropriate to discuss as it is a confidential personnel matter.”

As an elected official, Watson can’t be fired for misconduct. However, he can be recalled or voted out of office, and is could be subject to legal consequences if misconduct is proven in court.

Though he wasn’t interviewed for the investigation, could still happen. “The investigation report describes the investigator’s efforts to interview Councilmember Watson,” Atkins-Salazar said. “He still may be interviewed if that is his desire.”

Mysteries revealed

The Kramer report gives clarifying context to some of the council’s actions last fall after Watson’s troubles became known, as well as the continuing tension between Watson and the other councilmembers, as well as his unusual exchanges with city staff.

Watson was removed as mayor by other councilmembers on Oct. 20, 2021, following internal disclosure of the alleged harassment. In proposing that night’s vote of “no confidence” in Watson, then-Councilmember Emily Grace Goldstein stated that “we owe it to the people of Arcata to make it clear we do not align ourselves with the actions of Councilmember Watson.” But under high scrutiny and with legal landmines everywhere, no one at City Hall has been willing to disclose the underlying reasons for the statement and the “no confidence” vote as the investigation proceeded.

An investigation into the unspecified allegations was launched with use of the outside law firm. The report “does not draw any legal conclusions or assess whether any City policies or State laws were violated,” but it does include a reference copy of the city’s *Zero Tolerance Policy Against Discrimination and/or Harassment*.

The alleged victim’s account

The report includes testimony from the employee that Watson’s professional relationship with her “started to change in 2019, after Watson became the Mayor.” At this point, he began to question her authority, using an “accusatory tone” in meetings.

The employee learned of Watson’s “mental health issues, including severe [redacted],” which required her to spend time helping him understand and remember information.

Watson, the employee’s testimony says, began to spend more time at City Hall, at some point, “she thought that he was coming in to spend more time with her.”

The employee first learned of Watson’s “romantic feelings for her” after he met with a League of California Cities official in Sacramento in late 2019. Afterward, the official called the employee to tell her that Watson had spoken of “strong feelings” for the employee, and “had a crush on her.”

As the situation deteriorated, Wat-

son reportedly “became possessive” of the employee in September, 2019, when she went on a business trip to Modesto with a different councilmember. The “enraged” Watson, who questioned other councilmembers about the choice. At this, the employee told Watson he’d “crossed a line.”

Watson, she said, “told her he was mad at her and wanted to schedule a closed session to discuss her performance,” but that “one day she would ‘even it out’ by traveling alone with him. At the end of the conversation, Watson repeatedly apologized, saying, ‘I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I’m sorry.’”

But the problematic behavior only worsened going into 2020, when Watson began to contrive issues with city business as an excuse to spend time with her. He would then apologize and tell her that he was going to “work on his behavior.”

However, he didn’t let go of the love/hate coercion, sometimes reminiscent of a smitten schoolboy acting out in bizarre and bullying ways to win a schoolyard playmate’s attentions.

A ‘crush,’ boundaries and the ‘Brett Act’

In May, 2020, Watson yelled at the employee, “saying he did not think anyone should trust her and she was doing things that he did not think she was supposed to do” such as composing council agendas.

On May 12, Police Chief Brian Ahern noticed someone perhaps vandalizing the employee’s car tires in the parking lot. It was Watson, who “told her that he said horrible things to her, so he wanted to make it up to her by cleaning her tires.”

On May 20, he confessed to “feelings” for her, calling it a “crush.”

“You need to know these feelings are really deep,” he told her. “They’re not just regular feelings, not something that will just blow over.” The employee replied that he “needed to work through his feelings for her on his own.” Watson called her “the best friend he ever had,” but she explained to Watson that “she could not be his best friend because he is her boss and she could not be any more than that.”

Watson allegedly became “very mad” and said that they could “do the employer-employee thing” and that “it was easy for him to be cold-blooded and tell her everything she was doing wrong.”

A note by the employee included in the report’s Exhibit 1 documents that she told him during a June 10, 2020 walk that “I have not and would not cheat emotionally or physically on my husband. Never have and never will and perhaps it creates a safe space for him and [redacted].”

On a June 18 walk, Watson reportedly “wanted to talk about his philosophy of rules and that rules were not for him. In particular, Watson spoke about the Brown Act, and said it was acceptable for him to talk to multiple Councilmembers because he followed what he called the ‘Brett Act.’ [Redacted] stated that Watson made this comment in a joking manner, but she did not believe he was joking” based on accounts from other councilmembers.

Watson reportedly stated that “he was the only Councilmember who did anything, so the two of them were running the City.”

Barraging the employee with emails at “all hours,” Watson also told her that “she was all he had and that he needed her.” This cycle of affection and threats was to grind on relentlessly through ensuing months.

On announcing she was taking a week-long family vacation in August, Watson “called her on a Friday night to tell her that he was mad she was going on vacation because he was go-

ing to miss her and he did not know how he could be away from her for one week.” He reportedly contacted her “constantly” during her vacations.

In September, the harassed employee said, Watson started to “spiral” again. After she “decided to set some boundaries” a series of setbacks then befell Watson. States the report, “He left his wife, got into a bad car accident and totaled his car, and his father passed away.” The employee stated that “she hurt for him because she knew he was in shock.”

She described a deterioration in Watson’s mental health, saying he was “catatonic” at times in January and February 2021: “Sometimes he was very focused and obsessed about meeting with her,” and that “he did not care about COVID-19 and wanted to see her in person.”

Hugs and ‘hitting the wall’

At this point, he reportedly attempted to escalate physical contact with the employee. States the report: “[Redacted] shared that at some point, Watson told her that he needed a hug, so she gave him a hug and then it became part of their ritual every time they saw each other. According to [redacted] on some occasions Watson went to her office and told her that he did not need to talk about anything but needed a hug. Additionally, when they were on walks and stopped at an overlook or at a big hill, he asked her for hugs. [Redacted] explained she would give Watson a hug because she knew they would not go anywhere until he got a hug. [Redacted] acknowledged there were occasions when she initiated the hug with Watson so they could start walking again. She noted that 90 percent of the time they hugged, Watson initiated or asked for a hug.

“[Redacted] stated that there were occasions when Watson went to her office and would not leave without a hug. She stated that in general, she did not mind hugging people, but in her opinion, Watson’s hugs lasted for longer than 20 to 30 seconds, which she opined was too long.”

By June of 2021, the employee said she was “done” with Watson’s neediness and resisted the constant contact. He told her that instead of walking, they should jog together. She told him that was a social, not professional activity as were the routine COVID-compliant employee walks, and “not something she wanted to do with her boss.”

Watson objected to her boundary-setting, calling it “hurtful and unfair.” [Redacted] told Watson she was “exhausted and tired of the harassment and the abuse and she could not take it anymore. She stated that she screamed at Watson for approximately five minutes because she ‘hit her wall’ with him and felt overwhelmed.” She told him that “his harassment needed to end.”

States the report: “She explained to Watson that had he been a City employee and treated another woman employee similarly, he would have been fired because his behavior was ‘out of control’ and he needed to figure out a way to ‘unhook’ from her.”

The arrest

On Aug. 1, 2021, Watson was arrested on charges of DUI and possession of cocaine. He called the employee from jail, sounding drunk, and asked for a ride home as his wife, with whom he had reconciled, was out of town. The employee picked him up at 3:30 a.m., but declined his invitation to go inside his house with him.

A rubber band, forced napping and wine

In September of 2021, a new therapist advised Watson to wear a rubber band and snap it when he felt anx-

ious. “According to [redacted],” states the report, “Watson asked her to give him a band ‘because it would mean so much more coming from her.’” She took a rubber band from her desk drawer and gave it to him.

Watson’s efforts to manipulate the employee ratcheted up further during a September trip to a League of California Cities (LCC) conference in Sacramento with her and another councilmember.

According to an unnamed co-attende, during one session, she heard Watson snapping the band on his wrist so loudly that she told him they needed to leave the room.

At one point, he insisted the employee finish drinking a bottle of wine that had been left over from dinner with him. “Watson said she promised him they would finish the wine and she should have one more drink with him,” states the report. [Redacted] told Watson, ‘I’m not doing that,’ and that he needed to accept her decision.”

A Watson confidante at the convention told the employee that Watson was “absolutely obsessed with her.”

Talk of resignations

On returning to Arcata, the employee contacted the city attorney over the matter. But Watson reportedly became “super obsessive.” States the report: “[Redacted] told Watson that they could not both continue working for the City and that he needed to take responsibility for his actions and step down. She explained to him that she was struggling as a woman leader in the community because she rid the City of a lot of harassment, but she continued to be subjected to his constant abuse and harassment because of his obsession with her. She told him she was considering leaving her position with the City because of how he treated her, but she was going to give him the chance to ‘make it right’ and make a decision regarding his continuing role on the City Council... But once more, he didn’t resign, and “this did not surprise her.”

During a closed session, all the other councilmembers reportedly urged Watson to resign the council. At the ensuing Oct. 20 meeting, the un-agenized “no confidence” vote was taken.

Watson seemed to have trouble securing legal representation.

“Watson was not interviewed as part of the investigation,” states the report. “Efforts to secure his participation began on January 21, 2022, when the undersigned sent Watson’s attorney, Amelia Burroughs, an email requesting to schedule Watson’s interview at a mutually convenient date and time. On February 8, 2022, Burroughs advised that she was no longer representing Watson. On February 14, 2022, Watson’s new attorney, Linda Mitlyng contacted the undersigned and on March 1, 2022, after exchanging several emails in an effort to schedule Watson’s interview, Mitlyng notified the undersigned that she no longer represented Watson. On March 8, 2022, the undersigned learned that Watson was represented by attorney Elan Firpo. Counsel for the City communicated directly with Firpo to attempt to secure a date for Watson’s interview, but on March 25, 2022, Firpo notified the City’s attorney that she was no longer representing Watson.”

Interviews with unnamed colleagues compound and expand on the alleged victim’s testimony. His alleged obsession with the employee was widely observed at City Hall, as was his brusque treatment of city staff members. (*Read the interview summaries at madriverunion.com.*)

Findings of Fact

The report found the testimony of

the harassed employee and the witnesses credible, with no motivation to lie or exaggerate. States the report, “There is no reason to conclude that any of the witnesses interviewed as part of this investigation were dishonest or not credible witnesses.”

The report notes that the employee’s statements were corroborated by the witnesses as well as the approximately 500 text and email messages Watson had sent her. It affirms as factual a situation wherein Watson was both attempting to win the employee’s affections while threatening her job security.

Among the messages cited are one from March 14, 2020 which stated, “I love you so much and I’m so grateful to have you as some one [sic] I can confide in.” The following June 8, Watson sent a scolding text complaining about unreturned texts and stated, “We need each other more than ever and I’m not feeling the love being reciprocated when I hear your communications go unanswered.”

More messages include romantic pleadings, expressions of emotional pain and sadness and requests for hugs. Continues the report, “Although Watson did not demand sexual favors from [the employee] he demanded her time and emotional support, and when she was unable or unwilling to give him what he demanded, he threatened her employment.” The report estimates that Watson spent six times as much time with the employee as did other councilmembers.

“Watson was unable to accept the reasonable boundaries [the employee] tried to create between them,” states the report. “He manipulated her by using his mental health issues as a reason for them to spend time together.”

The report’s conclusion

“Based upon the foregoing, the allegations against Watson are sustained. The preponderance of the evidence establishes that more likely than not, Watson engaged in the conduct attributed to him by and that this conduct was an abuse of his power as a City Councilmember. It is more likely than not that Watson’s conduct was motivated by his romantic feelings for [the employee] and his desire to spend time with her in person or remain in constant communication with her via telephone and/or text message.”

City policy

The city’s anti-harassment policies read almost like an instruction manual for Watson’s alleged actions.

The City’s of Arcata’s Zero Tolerance Policy definition of prohibited “Quid Pro Quo” harassment:

“Quid pro quo sexual harassment occurs when an employer explicitly or implicitly makes submission to some form of unwelcome sexual advance a term or condition of employment or submission is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the employee. This could be behavior as blatant as a request for sexual favors in return for a promotion or something more vague, such as a bad review following a refusal to go out on a date with the reviewer.”

“The policy’s “examples of prohibited conduct” include verbal harassment, which “might include inappropriate sexually oriented comments on appearance, including dress or physical features or racially oriented stories; verbal sexual advances or propositions; making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances.”

Declares the policy: “The City strongly disapproves of and will not tolerate discrimination/harassment of employees by managers, supervisor, co-workers, clients or vendors, City Council members, and Committee or Commission members.”

Valley West’s reimagining continues, with classes, murals, meetups

The Valley West family has been growing and bringing dynamic community events with it. We’ve enjoyed block parties, well-attended cleanups and new initiatives from CUNA (Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata/Community United of North Arcata), the City of Arcata and ComUnity Pride & Peace.

We have learned about emergency preparedness, available health services, and celebrated together with music, dance and food.

The Arcata Chamber of Commerce and Arcata Main Street have also been getting in on the Valley West plans.

As the Valley West community begins to make plans for the \$15,000 beautification and community connectivity grant from the City of Arcata, these organizations can bring additional resources, help build a business/neighborhood watch

program, garner more media attention for issues affecting the neighborhood, involve our arts community in re-imagining what Carlson Park with its river access might look like, and looking for ways to take advantage of the new economic growth coming from Cal Poly Humboldt.

As we shared last month, CUNA (Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata/Community United of North Arcata) has been very busy!

Many may already know we added a new member to our team, Eibar Romero, who grew up in Valley West. We just had a Disaster Preparedness Block Party Potluck on April 22 and we are continuing our weekly and monthly street clean ups.

We are now gearing up to implement the eight (8) winning proposals from the first-ever in Humboldt County community led Participatory Budget Process (\$15,000 for beautification and community connectiv-



TRASH WARRIORS Joyous volunteers at one of the regular cleanups. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ity in Valley West/North Arcata allocated by the City of Arcata)!

Here is a sneak preview of what is coming up: Children’s Theater classes, Weekend Dance Classes (new dance studio in the Valley West Shopping Center), Teen Meetups (movie night to begin, with teen choice for future meetups), two community mural projects (led by two local and very talented muralists), and more.

Oh, and did we mention it is all FREE, if you are resident or if you attend one of the schools in Valley

West/North Arcata!

“CUNA Comes Together” is a monthly meeting on the second Monday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The time is to develop as a community CUNA’s

future strategy as well as planning events and projects.

For now, we will keep hosting these meetings on Zoom, but hope to be able to “Come Together”



CARLSON PARK An array of vendors at a Valley West community event. SUBMITTED PHOTO

in person soon. Here is the Zoom link to join the meeting: us02web.zoom.us/j/85891967545.

Thank you for being part of our community and we hope to see you there!

But wait, there’s more

CUNA will host Humboldt County’s first ever Tianguis (a Latin style flea market) on Saturday, June 25.

We are looking for Valley West/North Arcata artists, artisans, crafters, jewelers, glass blowers and more. Maybe it is time to clean out that garage and sell that bird cage that grandma left you or that chase lounge that you never got around to re-upholster.

Come sell your wares at Valley West’s Carlson Park at the Mad River Parkway off Giuntoli Lane Saturday, June 25 from 11 to 3 p.m.

The premise being, if you like them you might do like they do in the voting booth

Cher-Ae for Doss

TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHER-AE HEIGHTS INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE TRINIDAD RANCHERIA

TRINIDAD – The Tribal Council of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria Announces Endorsement of Larry Doss for 5th District Supervisor for Humboldt County

Chairman Garth Sundberg, on behalf of the Tribal Council of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria announced that the Tribe is endorsing Larry Doss, candidate for 5th District Supervisor for the County of Humboldt.

“Larry has our endorsement because he understands our issues and respects the Tribal sovereignty. In our County, we have seen many instances of racism and disrespect of our Tribe from the current Supervisor,” said Chairman Sundberg. He went on to say: “It is important to have a County Supervisor who understands the issues that Tribes face and is clear on our right to self-determination and self-governance. Larry is that candidate.”

“I endorsed Larry because he’s been in business for 27 years, locally, and understands the needs of businesses and ways to stimulate a healthy economy,” said Ryan Sundberg, former member of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and member of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria.

He went on to say: “We need a 5th District County Supervisor who cares about community concerns and knows the history of the complex issues facing our County. With more than 14 years of elected public service and 45 years of local volunteerism, Larry Doss will be an outstanding Supervisor.”

“Protection of natural resources is a way of life for Native communities. Our elders pass on the importance of respecting the land, plants and animals. Larry understands the importance of the land to our Tribe and will work hard to ensure that we can protect the beautiful coastline and its many resources, for generations to come,” said Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, chief executive officer for the Tribe.

Labor likes Madrone

STEVE MADRONE CAMPAIGN

5TH DISTRICT – Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone

❖ ENDORSEMENTS

has been endorsed by multiple unions and labor organizations in the upcoming primary election on June 7, including the Humboldt & Del Norte Central Labor Council, AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees); United Food and Commercial Workers Local 5; National Union of Healthcare Workers; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 551; Building and Construction Trades Council of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties; and Operating Engineers Local Union, Local No. 3.

“I am honored to again win the support and trust of the Central Labor Council and other unions,” said Supervisor Madrone. “I look forward to building on that trust and partnering with them to accomplish great projects that will benefit Humboldt County’s residents for a long time to come.”

“Supervisor Madrone has lived up to his campaign promises from four years ago,” said Labor Council President John Frahm. “He works hard for the residents of the 5th District, and all of Humboldt County’s working families, and he’s always made himself available to discuss important issues from transportation to cannabis, from aquaculture to energy resiliency. He’s there for us.”

“I fought hard for higher wages and benefits for county workers, upheld the need for union workers and good jobs during negotiations on large projects and will continue to do so in the future. We are fortunate to have strong and active unions advocating for working people in Humboldt County and I am proud to stand with them.”

Steve Madrone knows ‘which side he’s on’, to paraphrase a well-known labor song, and that’s the side of working people and families. Learn more at madrone4supervisor.com.

Healthcare-ers want White

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL-HUMBOLDT

ARCATA – Health Care for All-Humboldt is proud to endorse Kimberley White as the kind of progressive candidate needed on the Arcata City Council. To the seat, Kimberly brings her experience as a Planning Commissioner for the city and as a community organizer for the Valley West community in Arcata.

Greens name endorsees

GREEN PARTY OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY (GPHC)

HUMBOLDT – The Green Party of Humboldt County (GPHC) endorses the following local candidates for the June 7 primary election: Arcata City Council: Kimberley White; Humboldt County Supervisor, 4th District: Natalie Arroyo; Humboldt Coun-



DEPU-DORSEMENT HDSO President Destry Henderson, Mike Newman, HDSO VP Jamie Barn.

ty Supervisor, 5th District: Steve Madrone; District Attorney: Adrian Kamada.

AFSCME goes for Steward

AFSCME

HUMBOLDT – AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 1684 (AFL-CIO), has endorsed Steven Steward to be Humboldt County’s next Superior Court Judge.

Drew Redden, business agent for Local 1684, writes:

“As one of the largest unions in Humboldt County, representing 1,500 public employees that work in every department in the County as well as workers for the Humboldt Transit Authority and the Superior Court, we believe that Steve Steward is the best choice for Humboldt County Superior Court Judge. Mr. Steward has the experience and proven dedication to this community that Humboldt County needs, and we enthusiastically urge voters to elect him on June 7th.”

This important endorsement comes on the heels of numerous endorsements from community members and organizations from across the political spectrum.

“I appreciate the support of AFSCME, an organization that represents many of the people whom I have worked with in the District Attorney’s office and the

courthouse over my many years of public service. The 1,500 members of AFSCME represent a broad cross section of our community and I am humbled by their endorsement,” said Steward. “These important members of our community, who work in some of the most crucial jobs in our County, believe in proven experience, fairness, compassion and accountability, and I appreciate their enthusiastic support.”

For more information please go to stevensteward.com.

Deputies back Newman

HUMBOLDT DEPUTY SHERIFFS ORGANIZATION (HDSO)

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt Deputy Sheriffs Organization (HDSO) is proud to officially announce their endorsement of Mike Newman for 4th District Supervisor.

“Mike has been a true public servant in our community and we’ve seen that he works for everyone, not just those he’s politically aligned with. That selflessness and willingness to hear from everyone is what makes him a good fit as our next Supervisor,” said Destry Henderson, HDSO President.

“Law enforcement and public safety are one of the critical pillars of county government, and THE essential service our community needs before anything else can get done. Well paid, professional deputies should be a priority for all of us, and Mike is committed to seeing that county residents are protected, and county employees are respected.”

HDSO commends Mike for his service on the Measure Z committee, and on the county’s planning commission.

HDSO is the second largest public employees union in Humboldt County, and represents first responders including deputies, District Attorney Investigators, Probation employees and dispatchers.

Arroyo tallies endorsements

NATALIE ARROYO CAMPAIGN

EUREKA – Humboldt County Supervisorial candidate Natalie Arroyo has received more endorsements from local and regional unions, including AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees), SEIU Local 2015, the Cal Poly Humboldt chapter of the California Faculty Association, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 5, Carpenters Local 751, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 541, and International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 16.

John McEntagart from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers shared that, “We appreciate your tireless commitment to supporting the working people of your district. We are proud to stand with you and we look forward to working with you to help build a better future for all working families.”

“I am especially honored to have the overt support of the unions representing me, the California Faculty Association, and AFSCME, who represents workers in an organization whose board I am the Chairperson for,” shared Arroyo. “These endorsements, along with the support of labor groups who advocate for our workforce in a diverse array of jobs, mean so much to me!”

Together these unions represent thousands of local workers in Humboldt County, from university faculty and County staff members to local tradespeople. Collectively, these groups are working to ensure that there are good-paying, safe and reliable jobs in Humboldt County.

Arroyo is running for 4th District Supervisor, representing portions of Eureka, Myrtle town, and the Samoa Peninsula. The Primary Election is on June 7, and mail ballots arrive on May 9.

Arroyo has previously been endorsed by a number of additional unions, political groups, and local organizations. Visit the website for her full list of endorsements and additional information: HealthCareforAllHumboldt.org is proud to endorse Kimberley White as the kind of progressive candidate needed on the Arcata City Council. To the seat, Kimberly brings her experience as a Planning Commissioner for the city and as a community organizer for the Valley West community in Arcata.



ARCATA V SCOTUS
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS RALLY Protesters turned out on a rainy Plaza Sunday to rally against the draft Supreme Court opinion overturning Roe v Wade. Above, Chloe Eicher, Sarah Schaefer and Cat Holloway. The decision could, if adopted, end a half-century guarantee of federal constitutional protection of abortion rights and allow states to individually decide whether to restrict or ban abortion.

PHOTOS VIA SARA SCHAEFER

RACCOON KITS REUNITED WITH MOM

MAD RIVER UNION

SUNNY BRAE – A tree fall somehow separated two baby raccoons from their mother on Sunny Brae’s Beverly Drive Monday, May 2. Neighbors heard the kits squealing, and found them in separate locations amid the fallen branches. At first, the two rescuers put them together under the tree as the mother, who looked on from above, began calling for them. “Everyone was screaming,” said one of the baby saviors.

But the area seemed hazardous for the tiny raccoons, with firefighters and neighbors tromping through jumbled branches. At this point another neighbor donated a T-shirt in which the babies were bundled, and then taken up the hill for safer placement with the mother still watching.

“She totally had eyes on us,” said one of the rescuers. On checking later, the raccoon mother and kits were gone from the area. “I think she came down and got them,” said a rescue participant.

The kits were flung asunder when a redwood tree crashed into a house, damaging an upper floor room, pulling down power lines, setting a short-lived fire in a nearby home’s attic and blocking the street. Power was out for 300-plus homes in the area overnight.



One of the tiny kits.
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Stinkfoot Orchestra brings Zappa to Humbrews

Kevin L. Hoover

BIG SWIFTY & ASSOCIATES

ARCATA – In the 29 years since Frank Zappa died, countless ensembles have cropped up, attempting to replicate the absurdist virtuosity of a Zappa show. Few, however, can boast the participation of one of Frank’s most revered lead singers.

Next Friday, May 20 at Arcata’s Humbrews, you can behold just such a rockin’ teenage combo – in this case, the 15-piece Stinkfoot Orchestra (SFO) – deploying their sonic Zappa distortion field.

Further elevating the escapade will be a genuine Zappa alumni, the man Frank himself hired to front his band – Napoleon Murphy Brock. The legendary sax man and singer (and vivid storyteller) was part of the Zappa band that included George Duke, Ruth Underwood and Chester Thompson, and sang on classic FZ tunes such as “Pygmy Twylite,” “Cheepnis” and “Carolina Hardcore Ecstasy.”

On being asked to appear with a Zappa-oriented band, Brock he reviews their demo tape to hear whether or not the music is being performed “correctly.” That’s no small feat when the tunes are festooned with Frank’s trademark tricky tinkertoys, polyrhythmic note blizzards, knots of nested tuplets and the occasional ram-paging giant poodle. Not all make the grade, but the SFO did.

“I know the difference,” Brock said. “I was there.”

The band’s exertions are well appreciated by Zappa fans.

“People come up to me teary-



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ARFWORTHY ENSEMBLE The Stinkfoot Orchestra, soon to enchant Humbrews.

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eyed at shows, saying, ‘We can’t possibly fathom the amount of work that goes into pulling this off, but we appreciate all the work you put into doing it right’,” said SFO founder Nick Chargin.

That requires carefully balancing the labors of a 6-piece horn section with the rock and percussion side of things, plus deft pacing of the ultra-demanding songs “Everything is coordinated,” Chargin said, for maximum musical coherence. “There are considerations on many different levels.” A “pretty intense medley” of full-band songs will be followed by more basic Frank fare that gives the horn section “a chance to breathe,” and for the multi-instrumentalists to switch off with each other.

While organizing a small platoon of musicians to play difficult music for nominal compensation is a heavy lift, love and luck have played their role as well. “So many serendipitous things have happened,” Chargin said. These in-



ON STAGE Napoleon and Frank at the Roxy. VIA YOUTUBE

“He’s full of infectious energy, and hasn’t lost a note of his range,” Chargin said. “The universe is on our side. Frank is smiling down on us.”

In an interview, Brock is full of reflections, observations, reverence for Frank and gratitude for having been part of “the Conservatory of Zappa Music.” And he has a message for Arcata music fans.

“If they miss this show, they’re doing themselves incredible psychological harm,” Brock cautioned.

“This music matters,” Chargin affirmed. “To us and to the greater good of society.”

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THERE THEY BLOW Stinkfoot’s horn section. PHOTO COURTESY SUSAN J. WEIAND



Cheryl Dillingham



- ★ RESTORE TRUST
- ★ STOP WASTE
- ★ NONPARTISAN

For Auditor-Controller

We need an Auditor-Controller who can get the County’s finances back on track and treats both employees and the public with respect. We need someone who can get things done accurately and on time to move the County forward. That’s why I am voting for Cheryl Dillingham.

Cheryl is the best possible candidate, and person, to oversee and protect public funds. Look at her experience and track record, then join me in voting for Cheryl Dillingham as Auditor-Controller.

Cheryl is highly competent and highly trusted by all who have had the good fortune to work with her. Her endorsements from the majority of leaders past and present who have worked with her at municipal and County government and local non-profits, bear that out. We know unequivocally that Cheryl is the person who has the unique capacity to fix our financial mess and lead our county to a brighter financial future.

Mark Lovelace
FORMER 3RD DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY



Jill Duffy
FORMER 5TH DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY



Lisa Dugan
FORMER DIRECTOR OF CHILD
SUPPORT SERVICES



Cheryl is endorsed by a broad coalition from across the full political and cultural spectrum of Humboldt County

AFSCME Local 1684
Humboldt Deputy Sheriff’s Organization
Connie Stewart, Policy Advisor, CA Center for Rural Policy, Former Mayor of Arcata
Virginia Bass, 4th District Supervisor, Humboldt County
Steve Edmiston, CPA, Fiscal Director, Yurok Tribe
Jen Kalt, Executive Director, Humboldt Baykeeper
Billy Honsal, Humboldt County Sheriff
Debra Garnes, Rio Dell Mayor

Natalynne Delapp, Director, Humboldt County Growers Alliance
Carolyn Crnich, Retired Humboldt County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters
Maggie Gainer, Board Member Zero Waste Humboldt
Meredith Matthews, Member of the Arcata City Council
Rex Bohn, 1st District Supervisor, Humboldt County
John Calkins, Retired CCC Supervisor, Advocate for the Unhoused

Dennis Mayo, Board Member, McKinleyville Community Services District
Michelle Bushnell, 2nd District Supervisor, Humboldt County
John Murray, Retired Humboldt County Administrative Officer
Karen Suiker, Retired City Manager of Trinidad
Alex Stillman, Former Mayor of Arcata
Mark Lovelace, Former 3rd District Supervisor, Humboldt County
Jill Duffy, Former 5th District Supervisor

Lisa Dugan, Retired Director North Coast Child Support Services
Ryan Sundberg, Former 5th District Supervisor, Humboldt County
Ken Hamik, Past President Arcata Chamber of Commerce
Mychal Evenson, Former Candidate for Auditor-Controller
Paul Rodrigues, CPA, Pittsburg CA Finance Director & Former FD of City of Eureka and HCSO
Julie Woodall, Rio Dell City Council, Former Mayor

Nicholas Som, McKinleyville Union School District Board of Trustees
Michael Winkler, Former Mayor of Arcata, Former member Redwood Coast Energy Authority Board
Stephanie Wyse Mietz, Executive Director Jacoby Creek Land Trust
Randy Mendosa, President Fire District Board of Directors, Past Arcata City Manager, Retired Arcata Police Chief
Jo Wattle, Humboldt Bay Fire JPA Board Member

Stevie Luther, Humboldt Trails Council
Julie Neander, Retired Deputy Director Arcata Environmental Services
Gina Bauer, RN
Julie Fulkerson, Former 3rd District Supervisor and Former Mayor of Trinidad
Tami & Steen Trump, Past Board Members Trinidad Coastal Land Trust
Rob Fowler
and many more!

OPINION

❖ In the name of all that's holy, not to mention mom and apple pie, won'tcha please sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to opinion@madriverunion.com.

Let us embark on a journey of values, starting with the election

Voter Guide error

Dear City Council Candidates,

I am writing to inform you of an error in the Voter Information Guide for the June 7, 2022, election, which has already been mailed to all registered voters in Humboldt County. I don't want you to be shocked when you look at your Guide. The County Elections Office called today to inform us of the error.

The Voter Information Guide says to "vote for no more than three" for Arcata City Council, and it should say "vote for no more than one." Humboldt County Elections is rectifying the error by contacting all 11,000-plus registered voters in the City of Arcata, pointing out the error, and explaining that they are to vote for only one candidate. Further, the ballot, itself, will not be incorrect; it will say "vote for no more than one."

Humboldt County Elections and the City of Arcata regret the error and apologize for any concern it may cause you. Please do contact me if you have any questions. If I cannot answer your question, I will get the answer from County Elections and respond to you.

Bridget Dory, City Clerk
City of **Arcata**

Eads, the clear choice

I proudly support Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Stacey Eads as our next Humboldt County District Attorney.

Recently, I had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by ADA Stacey Eads on the topic and issues related to human trafficking and child abuse in Humboldt County.

Sadly, our county has a high rate of children who are at-risk and vulnerable to abuse. ADA Eads is the lead prosecutor and oversees the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Crimes Prosecution Team (CAST).

It was apparent, as ADA Eads presented these facts and gave examples of real life cases of such horrific crimes against children in Humboldt County, that her passion and commitment to achieving justice for the young victims in these cases, while providing a safe and supportive environment for them, was her top priority.

ADA Eads has over 20 years as an experienced prosecutor in the Humboldt County DA's Office. She has a broad spectrum of prosecutorial experience from misdemeanors to serious, violent felonies. As the ADA, Ms. Eads also has administrative experience that her opponents do not have. She is committed to retaining and recruiting a professional, ethical team of prosecutors.

The outcome of this election may put current priorities in jeopardy. If you agree that our children deserve the attention, compassion, and resources dedicated through the DA's Office, Victim Witness,

❖ LETTERS OF AN ELECTORAL NATURE

CAST and other coordinated County services, there is clearly no other choice than to elect ADA Stacey Eads as our next District Attorney – Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Humboldt County!

Melinda Ciarabellini
Humboldt Co. Sheriff's Office Corrections Captain, Ret.; Former Eureka City Councilmember
City of **Eureka** Resident

Eads for District Attorney

You should vote for Stacey Eads for District Attorney on June 7th. Let me explain why.

Only two candidates running for District Attorney have twenty year's experience as lawyers: Stacey Eads and Michael Acosta.

I've been a Humboldt County deputy district attorney since 2013, longer than any current attorney except Stacey Eads; and I've been an attorney since 2004. I have prosecuted more than half a dozen murder trials. When Maggie Fleming announced her retirement, many prosecutors, officers, defense attorneys, and community members asked if I was running for District Attorney. My answer was always: No, I'm supporting Stacey Eads.

Stacey Eads has my support to be Humboldt's next District Attorney, and she's supported by more than ten other prosecutors in this office, including every prosecutor with more than five years experience. She has prosecuted serious and violent felony charges here in Humboldt for over twenty years. Stacey has done more to protect our most vulnerable citizens, including children and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, than any other candidate. Stacey has done more to give a voice to the voiceless than any other candidate. Stacey has been more transparent than any other candidate; she's the only one to list her trial results publicly for everyone to see. Stacey is the only candidate whose platform includes holding offenders responsible for the property damage and rampant theft that plagues our communities.

Mr. Kamada has done fewer than a dozen trials and failed in more than half of them. Mr. Kamada has not released his trial history as a prosecutor – transparency would shine a light on his inexperience and ineptitude. It's pure hubris that he thinks he knows how to evaluate cases and is capable of allocating department resources, with fewer than six year's experience as a prosecutor. He can't even keep his own office in order; when he was dismissed from the office, staff spent days sorting the files and evidence scattered about his desk and

bookshelves. And speaking of his dismissal, he still hasn't signed the waiver of confidentiality that would give the public a transparent view of his conduct leading to his firing. It's easy to talk about transparency. It's another thing to be transparent.

I don't want anyone to think I have an axe to grind against Mr. Kamada. We have always been friendly. I've spent the day fishing with him out on Humboldt Bay. I've been to his house on Sunday while my kids were at Sunday school. But this election isn't about personal relationships. It's about protecting our community, our families, our kids.

Please vote for Stacey Eads on June 7th. You can contact me at rogrees+eads-4da@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to discuss with me personally.

Roger Rees
McKinleyville

No to GOP crackpots

HUMBOLDT ISN'T THE REPUBLIC OF GILEAD

"...It will fall on our nation's elected officials at all levels of government to protect a woman's right to choose. And it will fall on voters to elect pro-choice officials..."

— President Joe Biden (May 3, 2022)

Local pro-Trump, anti-choice, right-wing Republican candidates for Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors – Eureka's Larry Doss and Mike Newman – will be unsuccessful in their corrupt, pathetic attempts to purchase public office on Tuesday June 7, 2022.

These two Republican candidates will waste all of their dirty campaign money on endless ads to no effect, and both of these losers – Eureka's Larry Doss and Mike Newman – will be defeated for one main reason: Humboldt County is not the Republic of Gilead, nor do we want to be! (Margaret Atwood was prophetic.)

Clarence "Coke Can" Thomas and Brett "The Boofer" Kavanaugh's political buddies and brethren in misogyny – Eureka's Larry Doss and Mike Newman – can't have it both ways. Doss and Newman's beloved Republican Party has demanded for decades that women's reproductive choices (or now the lack thereof) become an entirely local issue politically speaking with no federal protections for women whatsoever, so that local GOP yokels can perform their Texas Taliban routine terrorizing women who won't obey the GOP.

OK, then! Since the current conservative crackpot majority on the U.S. Supreme Court has admittedly already voted to end wom-

en's right to choose federally, then it is now time to focus on LOCAL political candidates' views on this issue, since local politicians will presumably have some say as to whether or not women will have unfettered access to reproductive choice or instead become codified as permanent second-class citizens courtesy of the right-wing extremist Republican majority on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Larry Doss and Mike Newman are both pro-Trump and anti-choice. They can start being honest for a change in their crooked campaigns by at least admitting that much.

Sincerely,
Jake Pickering
Arcata

Stillman for council

Electing Alex Stillman to the City Council will give the City of Arcata a wonderful opportunity to move forward dealing with our new challenges while still maintaining hard-earned existing values.

Alex has the experience and vision to navigate the complex and ever changing policies and programs for affordable housing, economic development, energy conservation, and transportation and security.

Alex will bring to the Council experience and vision at this critical time in Arcata's development to work effectively with other council members, City staff, Cal Poly Humboldt, developers, and concerned citizens.

Consider the importance of having a City Council member who has not only in the past successfully dealt with many of these issues but has actively demonstrated a sincere effort supporting the historic elements, economic development, Arcata's Wetland Treatment System/ Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary and values of the City and place your vote for Alex.

Bob Gearheart
Arcata

Unparalleled Alex

I support Alex Stillman for Arcata City Council and urge Arcata voters to join me in doing so. Arcata and its residents would be fortunate indeed to add Ms. Stillman to the council.

Her experience and history in making Arcata the great town it is, is nearly unparalleled, both in vision and the "nuts and bolts" of the daily requirements of running a city.

Alex Stillman has a demonstrated passion for all things Arcata that, along with her intelligence and wit, will be a most excellent compliment to the existing makeup of the council. Vote for Alex Stillman.

Tony Lucchesi
Arcata

And now we turn our attention to the ever-sprawling 5th District

Madrone the tenacious

During my career as a hydrologic technician with Six Rivers National Forest, I had the opportunity to work extensively with Steve Madrone and his colleagues at Redwood Community Action Agency. A wide array of projects were undertaken to improve recreation opportunities and to benefit fish, wildlife, and plant communities. Steve set a fine example for knowledge, flexibility, innovation and ability to convey a sense of ownership, stewardship and enthusiasm for each project to his work crews.

When I supported Madrone four years ago, I knew that these attributes would serve him well as 5th District Supervisor. His attention to detail and commitment to bridge-building have been hallmarks of his first term. Steve's tenacity will ensure that projects that include the Great Railroad Trail will be brought to fruition. Vote to reelect Madrone!

Tom Leskiw
McKinleyville

Sanity syncs with Steve

We would be crazy not to reelect Steve Madrone as District 5 Humboldt County supervisor. He is the kind of engaged, intelligent, passionate and compassionate guy you only wish would serve in public office.

No newcomer to the 5th District, Steve has been a fulltime permanent resident of the Trinidad area for more than 40 years, so he is intimately familiar with the issues and lives of people who live here and across Humboldt. Steve has been an active and interested participant in local issues for years – from local fisheries to development of

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the McKinleyville Town Center to water resource management and responsible planning and development.

Steve's extensive expertise – both personal and professional –has been a huge help in public discussions regarding natural resources, planning for water access for residents and businesses, and on how to address drought challenges.

Steve's résumé is impressive (check out madrone4supervisor.com). He was executive director of the Mattole Salmon Group, and natural resources director of the Redwood Community Action Agency. He taught Forestry and Watershed Management at Humboldt State (where he earned master's and bachelor's degrees); he is on the Board of Directors of the California Urban Creeks Council and is Board president of the National Network of Forest Practitioners. He has received various awards for his salmon stream restoration work.

He served on the Blue Lake City Council and Planning Commission, and was mayor pro-tem. And he's a licensed landscape contractor in his spare time.

More than all that, however, I know Steve Madrone as a good and dependable neighbor, someone knowledgeable whom I can call (and I have) with neighborhood concerns and questions. (Did I mention that he was an Eagle Scout?)

Steve Madrone is the kind of locally grounded, experienced and engaged guy who listens and acts for all his neighbors across northern Humboldt County. He lives here. He knows us. And he gets things

done. We are lucky to have him. Reelect Steve Madrone.

Ted Pease
Trinidad

Supervisor Steve Madrone?

Steve's promotion of upper Luffenholtz Creek development was a monumental disservice to Trinidad water customers. His passionate attachment to his college thesis from many years ago seemingly got in the way of careful consideration of current climate science and drought data and led him to misrepresent Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.

His rhetoric fed local fears of rampant development, price hikes and environmental impact if Trinidad acquired the resilient source of water that has been servicing Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville and other local communities for decades.

False claims about HBMWD, submitted to the Trinidad City Council under a "Board of Supervisors" letterhead, include "lots of excess water that is untreated water that the pulp mills used [but] treated water is not in large excess supply." He inflated the possible costs to "as much as \$10 – 20 million dollars... would likely raise rates for customers."

Over a year after his political influence on the City Council, his ideas for developing upper Luffenholtz are on hold. His claims that grants were available for his ideas (including 25 to 50 ponds, never independently studied for environmental impacts or costs) did not pan out.

I expect more from a politician praised for working to bring the community together on complicated issues. His refusal to consider ways to restrict unwanted development (other than limiting water supply) and misrepresentation of professional opinions that contradicted his opinions is deeply disappointing.

Engineering reports going back 60 years consistently recommend that Trinidad hook up to HBMWD for water resiliency. The sooner we contract with HBMWD, the better: for grants, fire fighting capacity and a dependable water source.

Paula Levine, 31-year Trinidad water customer
Trinidad

Madrone follows through

Our chance to improve democracy starts at the local level. If you want a candidate who is selfless rather than self-serving, local races are where that starts. I believe that Steve Madrone is the best candidate because he follows through on issues that are most important to the vast majority of the 5th District.

Mr. Madrone encourages all points of view to come to the table because thats the way to arrive at the best solutions. His commitment to make Humboldt County a better place started long before his "political" career. I live in McKinleyville and feel pride that Mr. Madrone has supported the residents desire to define our own community. For an innovative problem solver... vote Madrone.

Ron Coffman
McKinleyville

Mo'PINION

❖ In the name of all that's holy, not to mention mom and apple pie, won'tcha please sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identify verification and send it to opinion@madriverriverunion.com.

Still more about they who would walk in Anna Sparks' and Paul Kirk's footwear

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Madrone for Supervisor

We support Steve Madrone for 5th District supervisor. He has lived in Trinidad for decades and has done a honorable job of steering progress in a direction that is good for more than just the wealthy few. He is knowledgeable, approachable and kind.

Larry and Donna Ulrich
Trinidad

Madrone has earned re-election

After watching the KMUD forum on candidacy for Humboldt Co. supervisor, the choice is clear for Steve Madrone to continue his work on the Board. Madrone is far the superior in terms of intellect and vision. But even more compelling is his practical knowledge, expertise and experience in watershed management, fisheries, and community infrastructure.

He has demonstrated the ability to listen constructively to all sides and act decisively for the betterment of the county, a fact that is verified by the enthusiastic endorsement of across-the-board political and social groups.

His principled and dedicated devotion to

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the people of Humboldt County demands a vote to keep him on the job.

Patty Harvey
Willow Creek

Madrone for the environment

For more than 20 years, as far as I know, Larry Doss has been a realtor and life-long Republican living south of Eureka. He served on the Harbor Commission for his home district, the First, and may be best remembered for his fervent advocacy of the rather dubious scheme for an East-West railroad.

Humboldt Bay has historically handled bulk cargo such as timber and gravel, but not containerized cargo. Some of us have wondered what Larry imagined would travel over this fanciful rail line. Recently we've learned there are some investors with very deep pockets who would like to ship coal, a resource well-suited to bulk cargo ships, from Wyoming to our port here on the West Coast. Realtors and developers are important members of our community. But

they do tend to be willing to pave over our precious lands in pursuit of a buck.

Steve Madrone, a lifelong Democrat, has spent his career working to protect our environment. He has continued that work as a county supervisor while also championing responsible economic growth. Which has lead to, for the first time in decades, essentially full employment (i.e., an unemployment level below 4 percent) here in Humboldt County. Anyone who wants to work can find a job in the local economy. There is no reason anyone's family members should have to move from here to find work.

By the way, Steve Madrone has actually lived in the 5th district for decades. Larry talks a lot about his long-established roots here in Humboldt and the fact he's paid property taxes on his primary residence in the First Supervisorial District (South of Eureka) for decades. While it may or MAY NOT be strictly legal for him to also claim his second home in Orick as his residence to justify his candidacy in the 5th District, it undoubtedly makes him a carpetbagger!

Protecting the environment and promoting a healthy economy. That's what we get with Steve Madrone as Supervisor in the 5th District.

Richard Salzman
Sunny Brae

Madrone, the clear choice

"Candidates for sprawling Fifth District share their views" (*Union*, May 4) presents a strong contrast between the two candidates.

Our supervisor Steve Madrone provided thoughtful, realistic responses to the questions that show his depth of knowledge about the Fifth District and the breadth of his qualifications for leadership. The opponent gave cursory answers that reveal his lack of experience and knowledge about our community.

Madrone has demonstrated his willingness to listen to his constituents and to work toward solutions that benefit everyone. He has lived in this district for 46 years while Larry Doss moved here less than a year ago. For me, the choice is clear – Vote to Re-Elect Steve Madrone.

Diane Higgins
McKinleyville

Hey, hold on a second there – something just doesn't seem right

Uncommon sense

There sat I in my trusty pickup with dog in back on a rainy day, looking out across Franklin R. Klopp Recreational Lake through the low-hanging boughs of the pine trees on the shore eating my sandwich and scanning the newspaper. I wasn't expecting to see anything written by myself in this week's issue — the essay I offered them, the World Citizen, had been turned down as too long and unwieldy for a local newspaper like the *Union*.

The rejection was no surprise to me. What did surprise me was to see one of my phrases, namely "common sense," taken to task by the editor as "eye-rolling..since no two Earthlings fully agree about what common sense is... and it also has a troubled-loner kind of manifesto-ish aroma to it..."

I had suggested the phrase as the title to my essay, which phrase evidently rubbed the editor the wrong way, so much so that he found it necessary to bring it up in print.

To state that "no two Earthlings fully agree" implies that the speaker has sampled enough of us "Earthlings" to know what we do agree on, that is, not much, proving that we are all irrecoverable solipists and therefore consensus among us is nearly impossible.

And, yet, a few inches above this rather dismissive opinion by the editor on the same page of the *Union* as the "So-called Thoughts" column, there sits in extra-large type, as if to suggest a higher gravitas, a "UNION EDITORIAL" presumably written by the same author, its first sentence stating, "...it can be difficult to find common ground, but there's one thing that everyone should agree on..."

Umm. "Common ground" is a term that is OK to use in print and "everyone should agree on" what that is, but "common sense" in a submission is nothing more than "eye-rolling" blather by some "manifesto-ish aroma" writing Earthling?

Seems a bit inconsistent to me. But enough on that topic.

Once the newspaper was put away, I returned to the delightful experience of finishing off a Murphy's sandwich while sitting in the cab of my pickup on a rainy day. It's a family tradition that the doggie in the back gets the last bite, so you can imagine how quickly that bite disappeared once I handed the soggy wad of bread packed with roast beef to the Basset patiently waiting on the back seat.

Daniel Duncan
Arcata

Beautiful shiny objects

All too often, when dealing with finances, our friends in government are happy to stand in front of us, pull a shiny object out of their front pocket, hold it over their head and say "Look at this beautiful, shiny object." In this case the shiny object is \$2.5 million in savings on pension payments for Arcata Fire.

What is in their back pocket: unfunded liability, pension debt payments, services

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not provided, are not discussed as much. My approach is: "Half way home isn't home and a half truth is not the truth." I ask, What's in your back pocket?" How much will be spent, how much in services, will be taken away to save this money?

Eureka brought forth Measure H, which took Eureka's 0.5 percent sales tax and added 0.75 percent for a new 1.25 percent sales tax. The 1.25 percent sales tax was projected to bring in \$9.6 million. The existing 0.5 percent will bring in \$3.84 million, with the 0.75 percent increase bringing in \$5.76 million. With the pension debt payments of \$6 million in 2021, up to \$6.3 million in 2022, and increasing to \$8.4 million in 2029, the increase in tax from Measure H just about covers the current yearly pension debt payments. Eureka City Officials are not much on bringing that aspect of Eureka finances to the public.

How long are we going to go through this cycle of increasing pension debt payments, services cut or not provided, tax increase that doesn't completely cover even the pension debt payment, then loss of service again, and another tax increase? Over the past 11 years, Humboldt County's pension obligations have increased from 18 percent of total payroll costs to over 32 percent of payroll obligations. Due to recent raises and increased pension debt payments, HumCo will have an additional \$95 million in expenses in FY 2023-2024. Yikes!

This community will lose a tremendous amount of funding over the next decade due to pension debt payments. I believe each governmental agency should provide us with a Pension Debt Service Impact Report, which specifically lists that years pension debt payment and what services were cut and not provided due to pension debt payments. DHHS Director Connie Beck provided a very detailed explanation of funding lost and what services would be diminished if the Single Audit was not provided. But that is a different story.

Thanks for listening,

Patrick Cloney
Eureka

Women have no rights

I am a loss for words and those of you who know me, know this rarely happens. Those of us who fought on the front lines in the 1960s and 1970s have seen this coming for some time. Roe v Wade is not really about abortion. It is about civil rights. It is about women having constitutional right to their own bodies.

The all-white male patriarchy of this country will tell you that we have rights as citizens... REALLY! What about the ERA? The easiest way to understand what infuriates all us women is to take some snippets from the newsmakers.

Susan Collins – "Brett Kavanaugh lied to me" No kidding. You single-handily put the second Sexual Predator onto the bench of

the highest court in the land. Susan... Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett ALL lied to the Senate in their confirmation hearings.

How stupid do you have to be not to recognize liars when you are surrounded by them every day in the Senate Chamber? And how stupid are the women of Maine who voted for you. You were so busy saving your job, you forgot to do your job!

Mitch McConnell – Once again we see his incredibly creepy visage ranting from his bully pulpit about investigating the leak of the draft decision. Why Mitch? This is one of the things you have been tasked with doing ever since you first ran for office. Forget about the leaker. I guess it was leaked from multiple sources including clerks and some of the justices. I can see Alito leaking it himself, just taking it out for a test drive.

This is a distraction. Do you really think you can put the cat back in the bag? Are you all afraid this is going to upset the Mid-term elections? One would hope so.

Chief Justice John Roberts – This is a man who walks a tightrope of his own making. Does he really expect anyone, except brain dead Trump supporters, to believe that the Supreme Court is ABOVE political influence? It once was, maybe, when we had justices that truly kept above the fray. When we had justices that did not make incredible amounts of money every year giving speeches and writing books. When, in 1973, a group of justices, mainly Republican, decided Roe v Wade 7-2.

Young people today do not have any idea about the symbol of the coat hanger. There was a time when wire coat hangers were all that were available. Besides being somewhere to hang your clothes they were good for myriad household uses. You always had an open coat hanger near your furnace or hot water heater to hold the match when you had to relight the pilot after the wind blew it out. You always had an open coat hanger to pull wads of dirt, dust and lint from behind bookcases or out of your dryer. And of course, the curved end was helpful to desperate women who could open their own cervixes to abort a fetus put there when they were raped by their uncles or their fathers or both.

Women bled to death and they will do so again. But it really doesn't matter because we have no rights. I have always said to men that if they want a baby, they should have one. Otherwise leave me alone.

Thank you for listening

Jan Phelps
Arcata

Mack High needs a cafeteria

It's been 40 years since I attended McKinleyville High School. My children also attended and graduated from Mack High. One thing all of us have in common are the miserable experiences we had trying to find warm, dry places to acquire and eat our lunches.

McKinleyville High School does not have a cafeteria. Food brought to the multi-purpose room for "grab-n-go" lunch is prepared at another facility and transported to the school every day. Students are told this food is "grab-n-go" and they must take it somewhere else to eat. (In the past few years, a couple tables inside the multi-purpose room are brought out for student use, but that's not enough for all the students to use.) Students who don't have access to vehicles will look for an unlocked classroom or just shiver in the open air hallways. (One of my children was reprimanded for huddling too close to classmates for warmth.) Students who have access to vehicles will go to them and start them up for heat and eat inside or drive home or to food establishments.

Here are the problems with this situation:

1. Not providing a safe, warm place to acquire and eat lunch is not conducive to a healthy learning environment. A cold, shivering, stressed student is at a disadvantage to his/her peers.
2. Food made off-site has to be transported to the school on a daily basis. This "grab-no-go" food is not optimal for the nutritional needs of growing bodies and minds.
3. The transport of food to Mack High is a waste of gasoline and contributes to pollution and global warming.
4. The need of students to leave campus in their vehicles to acquire food and find a warm place to eat is a waste of gasoline and contributes to pollution and global warming.
5. Leaving campus for lunch is something students should be able to choose to do instead of something they have to do to out of necessity. They deserve to be treated with dignity; leaving them out in the cold is the opposite of that.

Bottom line: It's 40-plus years overdue for Mack High build an on-site cafeteria, have nutritious food prepared on site, and provide a warm, safe place for students to eat lunch on campus. This isn't rocket science; it's caring about our youth and their rights to be treated humanely.

I invite NHUHS staff and Mack High staff and students to respond to this letter with their opinions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mara Parker
Trinidad

Roundabout a good solution

I would like to express my support for the round-about at Jacoby Creek Road and Old Arcata Road convergence. It has gone through the City of Arcata process and when it came before the

Historic Landmarks Committee, on which I serve, and we supported it as a safer way to provide for automobiles, bicyclists and pedestrians at this intersection of two roads. I believe it would be suitable solution for the Bayside corners while providing needed safety.

Sincerely,

Alex Stillman
Arcata

SCENE

Music & improv at EXIT Theatre

EXIT THEATRE
ARCATA – EXIT Theatre will be hosting music and improv theater games from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 13 as part of the Arts! Arcata.
There will be music featuring the saxophone of Stanley Fleming Jr. from 4 to 6 p.m. and improv theater games from 6 to 8 p.m. led by Lara Henerson. The events are free and open to the public.
EXIT Theatre is a 35-seat theater and arts space on the second floor at 890 G St. on the Arcata Plaza.
Founded 40 years ago in San Francisco, EXIT Theatre operates five storefront theaters there and developed the Arcata venue in 2020. The theater is directed by the founder and actor Christina Augello.
Stanley Fleming Jr. is a well-known Humboldt musician who has played extensively with local big bands and as a solo performer. Come hear the sweet sax sounds as Stan hits all the jazz notes that make you groove.
Lara Henerson has been performing improv for a decade and regards it as a joyful act. Want to simply let off some steam and act silly? Join us and play or watch.
For more information contact Christina Augello at mail@theexit.org or (415) 203-2516.



FRANKLY FRANKLIN KEET-TV presents “Frankly Franklin,” a screening and discussion with educators about Benjamin Franklin’s impact on America. Host James Floss, left, will lead a panel discussion with historians from Cal Poly Humboldt, Cal State Chico, and a middle school engineering and science teacher who really likes to play with electricity. The panel includes Dr. Eran Zelnik, second from left, lecturer of American History at Chico State University and author of articles for the *Journal of the Early Republic* and *Early American Studies*. He will bring his extensive knowledge of the period into the discussion. Dr. Thomas Mays, third from left, a history professor at Cal Poly Humboldt, says he has his first-year history students read Franklin’s autobiography every semester. He is the author of four books that you can find online. Retired science and engineering teacher Ken Pinkerton, right, has worked in local elementary and middle schools and will detail Franklin’s scientific discoveries, such as the lighting rod and how bifocal lenses help people see the world. He is also a contributor to KEET’s HomeWork Hotline science and math program. “Frankly Franklin” is live and online on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Register at KEET.org and join in the conversation with your questions.

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Celebrate creativity during Arts! Arcata

ARCATA MAINSTREET
ARCATA – Celebrate the visual and performing arts in Downtown Arcata Friday, May 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. during Arts! Arcata.
We want to welcome all our community members to come out and visit with us for a lively night market of local art vendors, music, and fun in the Plaza center circle and celebrate arts and shopping local in stores across downtown.
The following is a list of participating venues:
• **Arcata Artisans**, 883 H St. – Featured artists for May are Susan Morton and Betsy Roberts.
• **Arcata Library**, 500 Seventh St. – Continuing “Sunday Paint Out!” artists through June including Paul and Nancy Rickard and others.
• **Arcata Gallery**, 1063 H St. – Live painting and DJ music until 9 p.m.
• **Cafe Brio**, 791 G St. – Cafe Brio will feature a new art exhibit with colorful oil paintings by Anna Oneglia. Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. with small bites, wine and coffee along with live music.
• **EXIT Theatre**, 890 G St., upstairs – Will be open with refreshments and will be featuring Stanley Fleming Jr. on saxophone from 4 to 6 p.m. Lara Henerson follows from 6 to 8 p.m. with an improv set. Community participation is encouraged in the Improv Games!
• **Fire Arts Center**, 520 South G St. – Miriam Wheeler and Jenna Santangelo in the gallery through May.
• **Global Village Gallery**, 973 H St. – Will be featuring the visionary artists of the Peruvian Amazon.
• **Humbrews**, 856 10th St. – Dinner and Jazz music with Orjazzmic starts at 6 p.m.
• **Jay Brown**, 791 Eighth Street, Jacoby’s Storehouse – In-studio gallery show and special spring sale of existing collection. Come in and talk art.
• **Ballerina Days**, 791 Eighth St., Jacoby’s Storehouse – Live music and dancing!
• **Moonrise Herbs**, 826 G St. – Continuing show featuring incredible abstract paintings by Sierra Martin and Caroline Holms.
• **Oak Deli**, 1101 H St. in the Pythian Castle – Music and more!



ARTS! ARCATA “The Center of the World: DROWNED,” a transparent watercolor painting by Susan Morton.

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ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE Moon Hooch will perform Wednesday, May 11 at Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. The Brooklyn-based trio is known for their dance-oriented percussion- and saxophone-based music. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$18 and the door and are available by visiting arcatatheatrelounge.com. For more information, call (707) 613-3030.

HUMBOLDT SYMPHONY will perform Thursday, May 13 at the Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 for children under 12 and are available at the door or by visiting centerarts.humboldt.edu. For more information, call (707) 826-3928.

RICHARD’S GOAT Madde, with local opening bands Life of the Afterparty and

Marvin the Fly, will play Friday, March 13 at Richard’s Goat in Arcata at 401 I St. Chico-based indie punk singer-songwriter. 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 advance and \$15 at the door and may be purchased by visiting richardsgoat.com. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

MAZZOTTI’S Ghost Train will perform Friday, May 13 at Mazzotti’s at 773 Eighth St. in Arcata. Dance band that plays an eclectic mix of rock, pop with hints of Latin, country, of soul, R&B, jazz & funk. 10 p.m. For more information, call (707) 505-7221 or visit

mazzottis.com.

RICHARD’S GOAT Esmé Patterson, with local opening band the California Poppies will play Monday, March 16 at Richard’s Goat in Arcata at 401 I St. Soulful dream rock from this Denver musician touring behind her fourth album. 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$14 and may be purchased by visiting richardsgoat.com. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

COMING UP Comedian Marlon Wayans at Blue Lake Casino, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday May 19, tickets at bluelakecasino.com.

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MADE IN TAHOE Northern Humboldt artist Matt Dodge is proud to announce an exhibit of his creations at A to Z Eye Care at 851 Bayside Rd. in Arcata. Titled “Made in Tahoe,” the show will be on display through June 30. With this dozen of archival works, Dodge exposes the place he lived for 26 years: Lake Tahoe. When he moved there in 1991, the encompassing energy and bountiful beauty fueled his impressionable creative spirit. His work found focus and his technique gained traction. Hanging in this exhibition is an eclectic sampling of images produced during that period of time which share his stoke of the Sierra. For further information regarding the artist, please visit MattDodgeImages.com.

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Case No. JV2100016
1. To Nicholas Mock and Matthew Reynolds and anyone claiming to be a parent of Grayson Riggs born on 9/11/2020 at Mad River Hospital in Redding, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on 7/20/2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor. Check the court’s website on how to appear at your hearing. There will be information posted on how to appear remotely if the court remains closed. For assistance with appearing virtually, please contact Child Welfare Services’ main phone line at (707) 445-6180.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will

appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
JIM REILLY, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #264390
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-7236
DATE: MAY 2, 2022
Clerk, by Kim M. Bartleson, Deputy
5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: Baby Boy Humboldt03152022
Case No. JV2200057
1. To unknown alleged mother & unknown alleged father & any persons claiming to be mother or father and anyone claiming to be a parent of Baby Boy Humboldt03152022 born on 3/15/2022 at Mad River Hospital, Arcata, CA
2. A hearing will be held on 8/15/2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor. Check the court’s website on how to appear at your hearing. There will be information posted on how to appear remotely if the court remains closed. For assistance with appearing virtually, please contact Child Welfare Services’ main phone line at (707) 445-6180.
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CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed quotes for purchase of approximately 330 (three hundred thirty) MBF of FSC-Certified timber including redwood and Douglas fir, will be received at the office of the City Manager, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at which time they will be publicly opened and read:
The successful purchaser shall:
• Purchase 300 MBF of redwood timber; and 30 MBF of Douglas fir; harvested from a 70 year old stand of timber from the Arcata Community Forest Jacoby Creek Tract NTMP 1-99-033HUM
• Pay State Board of Equalization Timber Yield Taxes.
Each sealed envelope containing a quote must be plainly marked on the outside as “TIMBER SALE BID 2022.” Specifications may be obtained from the Contract and Procurement Specialist, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA. The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes. The award may be made at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of June 1, 2022.
To make an appointment for a “field show-me” contact the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 (office), (707) 845-5804 (cell) or email eservices@cityofarcata.org.
Bella Waters, Administrative Specialist
Environmental Services Department
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00295
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HEART OF THE REDWOODS COTTAGES & RV 124244 STATE HIGHWAY 101 ORICK CA 95555 P.O. BOX 281 TRINIDAD, CA 95570**
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT JASON L. BARNHART 1300 SCENIC DR. TRINIDAD, CA 95570
CHARLENE BARNHART 1300 SCENIC DR. TRINIDAD, CA 95570

This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE **S/JASON BARNHART OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 21, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS KT DEPUTY CLERK 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00299
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NORTHERN LANDSCAPE & DESIGN 1264 POPLAR DR. ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 606 SCOTIA, CA 95565**
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT JAVIER GUERRERO 1264 POPLAR DR. ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL **S/JAVIER GUERRERO OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 21, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00236
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SERVICEMASTER BY CRONIC EUREKA SERVICEMASTER BY CRONIC SERVICEMASTER RESTORATION SERVICES SERVICEMASTER RECOVERY MANAGMENT 1010 7TH ST. EUREKA, CA**
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 5451 INDUSTRIAL WAY BENICIA, CA 94510 SHARJO, INC. CA C1509470 5451 INDUSTRIAL WAY BENICIA, CA 94510
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION **S/CHARLES HOAGE PRESIDENT**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 1, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00270
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MAD TREES ARBOR CARE 1975 UPPER BAY RD. ARCATA, CA 95521**
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT WILLIAM G. HANSEN 1975 UPPER BAY RD. ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL **S/WILLIAM G. HANSEN OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 12, 2022
KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL DAVID EAGAN CASE NO.: PR2200109
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MICHAEL DAVID EAGAN A Petition for Probate** has been filed by KATHARINE EAGAN in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: KATHARINE EAGAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested per-

son files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: JUNE 2, 2022
Time: 1:30 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
TIMOTHY J. WYKLE MATHEWS, KLUCK, WALSH, WYKLE & LATT, LLP
100 M STREET EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 442-3758
4/27, 5/4, 5/11

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: Baby Boy Kempton, aka: Jericho Rodriguez, aka: Jerico Rodriguez
Case No. JV2200021
1. To Robert Hodge, Jr. and anyone claiming to be a parent of Baby Boy Kempton, aka: Jericho Rodriguez, aka: Jerico Rodriguez born on 1/14/2022 at Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on 8/3/2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor. Check the court's website on how to appear at your hearing. There will be information posted on how to appear remotely if the court remains closed. For assistance with appearing virtually, please contact Child Welfare Services' main phone line at (707) 445-6180.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
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6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
JOAN TURNER, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #152986
825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

(707) 445-7236
DATE: APRIL 25, 2022
Clerk, by Kim M. Bartleson, Deputy
5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

Trustee's Sale No. 21-100216 Attention recorder: the following reference to an attached summary is only applicable to notice(s) mailed to the trustor per civil code 2923.3(c)(1). Note: There is a summary of the information in this document attached Notice of Trustee's Sale You are in default under a deed of trust dated April 2, 2016. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On May 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., C&H Trust Deed Service, as duly appointed or substituted Trustee, under the certain Deed of Trust executed by Nicholas A. Greene, a single man as Trustor, to secure obligations in favor of Catherine J. Demauro, a widow as Beneficiary, recorded on 04/20/2016 as Instrument No.2016-007205 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Humboldt County, California. Will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, or cashier's check, (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a state or federal credit union, or a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to business in this state) At the front entrance to the County Courthouse located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in and to the following described real property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to wit: As more fully described in said deed of trust The street address or other common designation of the above-described property is purported to be the property being sold is vacant land containing no common description or address. The legal lot description is as per Exhibit A" All that certain real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows: Parcel one: parcel 153 of Timberline Ranch Estates as shown on the amended record of survey map thereof filed in the office of the County recorder of Humboldt County, California, on May 19, 1971 in book 24 of surveys, pages 137 to 143, inclusive. Parcel two: a non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and public utility purposes within those portions of river road, 60 feet in width that lie within parcel 154 as shown on the amended record of survey map referred to in parcel one above. Parcel three: a non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and public utility purposes within a strip of land 60 feet in width, the center line of which is the center line of the existing road extending from that portion of river road that lies within the exterior boundaries of parcel 154 as shown on said amended record of survey map in a southerly direction to the forest service road. Parcel four: a non-exclusive right of way for ingress and egress over a strip of land 60 feet in width, the center line of which is the existing road over the north half of the north half of lot 2 and that portion of lot 3 lying north of Mad River of section 6, township 1 north, range 6 east, Humboldt meridian. Parcel five: the right to use that certain non-exclusive right of way 60 feet in width, as the same is reserved in the deed from Marion P. Scianna and Norma Jean Scianna, husband and wife, et al, to Salvatore Marino and Barbara Marino, husband and wife as joint tenants, et al, dated July 15, 1971, and recorded November 3, 1971, book 141 of official records, page 266, Trinity County records. Being the same right of way as conveyed by deed from Marion P. Scianna and Norma Jean Scianna, his wife, to Jed land company, a limited partnership, and John E. Donohue and Janet I. Donohue, husband and wife as joint tenants, dated October 27, 1978, recorded October 30, 1978 in book 195 of official records, page 648, Trinity County records, and recorded November 10,

1978 in book 1528 of official records, page 288, Humboldt County records. Sale is being conducted at the request of the above designated beneficiary(ies) who may be contacted through C&H Trust Deed Service at the above referenced address. Directions to the subject property may be obtained pursuant to a written request submitted to C&H Trust Deed Service within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Assessor's Parcel No. 208-241-010 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and/or other common designation, if any, shown hereinabove. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: Said property is being sold for the express purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$178,298.79. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned Trustee, or predecessor Trustee, has caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recodation. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown in this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (949) 860-9155 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit www.chtrustdeed.com for information regarding the trustee's sale using the file number assigned to this case, which is 21-100216. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid

placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (949) 305-8901, or visit this internet website, www.chtrustdeed.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21-100216 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Please take notice that if the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Further, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid and shall have no further recourse or remedy against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee, or Trustee herein. If you have previously been discharged in bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this notice is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are notified that a negative credit reporting may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation. For trustee's sale dates, bid and postponement information, please call (949) 860-9155 or visit www.chtrustdeed.com for any other inquiries, including litigation or bankruptcy matters, please call (949) 305-8901 or fax (949) 305-8406. C&H TRUST DEED SERVICE, as Successor Trustee- e Date: April 21, 2021 Coby Halavais Trustee's Sale Officer (IFS# 25815,05/04/22, 05/11/22, 05/18/22)
5/4, 5/11, 5/18

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MADALYN C. JOHNSON CASE NO.: PR2200124
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MADALYN C. JOHNSON A Petition for Probate** has been filed by WAYNE JOHNSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: WAYNE JOHNSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: JUNE 2, 2022
Time: 1:30 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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5/4, 5/11, 5/18

CITY OF ARCATA ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 736 F STREET ARCATA, CA (707) 825-2128 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR THE ARCATA SOUTH I STREET BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Engineer's Estimate (\$470,000)
The WORK consists of furnishing all labour, materials, equipment, incidentals and performing all work required to install a boat launch, concrete abutment, concrete walk, parking improvements, accessibility improvements, and a precast concrete vault toilet. The project includes, but is not limited to: clearing and grubbing, water management, excavation and grading, installation of a boat launch and landing, rock slope protection, installation of aggregate base, installation of concrete, installation of asphalt, installation of piles, installation of a vault toilet, revegetation, and traffic control.
A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at the Arcata City Hall in the Council Chamber (736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521), and may be followed by a project site walk-through.
Sealed bids will be received by the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521, until the hour of 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after June 1, 2022.
The above PROJECT is Federally funded and is subject to special terms and conditions pertaining thereto. Consequently, the contractor is advised to be completely familiar with the special documentation and contract procedures associated with federal projects. Contractor non-compliance with Federal requirements will result in non-payment for work performed.
The PROJECT has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 10%.
CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract. All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL

forms for bidding this project will be available:
• For download from the City's Website www.city-ofarcata.org under "Bids."
• For purchase at City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. A printing charge of \$40.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$35.00 for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Special Projects Manager.
• For viewing at the City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521 and at the Humboldt Builder's Exchange, 1213 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501.
This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.
The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
The above project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each contractor or subcontractor listed on the bid proposal must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.
Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.
The above project is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.
All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California
Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute securities in place of any funds retained by the City for WORK performed on this project.
The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Direct inquiries regarding this solicitation to: Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager (707) 825-2101 dallred@cityofarcata.org
Issued dates: May 4, 2022 & May 11, 2022
5/4, 5/11

CITY OF ARCATA ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 736 F STREET ARCATA, CA (707) 825-2128 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR THE ARCATA RIDGE TRAIL: FICKLE HILL ROAD CROSSING PROJECT Engineer's Estimate (\$70,000 - \$80,000)
The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for WORK consisting of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, incidentals and performing all work required to complete a portion of new trail segment and road crossing on Fickle Hill Road in the City of Arcata. The project includes, but is not limited to: tree removal, trail and roadway shoulder work, drainage improvements pavement markings, striping and signage.
A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at the Arcata City Hall in the Council Chamber (736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521), and may be followed by a project site walk-through.
Sealed bids will be re-

ceived by the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521, until the hour of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after June 1, 2022.
CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract. All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL forms for bidding this project will be available:
• For download from the City's Website www.city-ofarcata.org under "Bids."
• For purchase at City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. A printing charge of \$40.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$35.00 for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Special Projects Manager.
• For viewing at the City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521 and at the Humboldt Builder's Exchange, 1213 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501.
This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.
The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
The above project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each contractor or subcontractor listed on the bid proposal must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.
Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.
The above project is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.
Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute securities in place of any funds retained by the City for WORK performed on this project.
The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Direct inquiries regarding this solicitation to: Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager (707) 825-2101 dallred@cityofarcata.org
Issued dates: May 4, 2022 & May 11, 2022
5/4, 5/11



New Arcata grads CERT-fied

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

ARCATA – In a major disaster, such as an earthquake or wildfire, no community is likely to have enough first responders to give immediate assistance to every person who might need it. This is why the Community Emergency Response Team program (CERT) offers free classes to train citizen volunteers to fill in until the professional responders are able to reach the scene and take command.

Pictured at right are photos from the most recent CERT training offered by the Humboldt CERT Coalition and funded by the City of Arcata through a National League of Cities Lead-

ership in Community Resilience grant arranged by Gillen Martin as part of her Lead For America Home-town Fellowship. The new CERT grads also received backpacks filled with protective equipment, which were shared by Eureka's HBF CERT team through a statewide grant from California Volunteers, which is administered by the Fire Safety Training Institute.

The CERT program, under FEMA, teaches neighborhood, school, and business volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their specific region. The training focuses on disaster preparedness and basic disaster response

skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and disaster psychology. The CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations so that they can focus on more urgent or complex tasks.

Humboldt County currently has ten CERT teams, with several more in development. In Arcata, CERT operates under the sponsorship of the Arcata Police Department and works in cooperation with the Humboldt CERT Coalition and the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services.



CERT-IFIED The graduating class outside the D Street Neighborhood Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Disasters happen. We have been quite fortunate in this area, but anyone paying attention realizes that those of us living in Humboldt County are particularly vulnerable to severe earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding, wildfires, and windstorms and the many problems they can bring. Being able to deal successfully with any of these situations often depends on having spent a little time and energy on some advance preparedness, including storing emergency food, water, batteries, and other supplies and acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to be able to help care for yourself, your family, and your neighbors and co-workers.

We are fortunate to have local programs to help

Humboldt residents become prepared, and there is excellent preparedness information on the internet. One of our local offerings is CERT

be added to the notification list for future CERT classes, email your name, phone number, and ZIP code with the email header CERT IN-



TRAINING A cribbing and leveraging exercise. SUBMITTED PHOTO

training, a free, 23-hour course offered several times a year through the Humboldt CERT Coalition. To

TEREST to Linda Nellist (Chair and Lead Instructor, Humboldt CERT Coalition) at humboldtcert.com.

If you are already a CERT grad, live and/or work in Arcata, and are interested in becoming part of Arcata's CERT team, email Judie Snyder (Arcata CERT lead) at judie.snyder@arcatacert.org. To see more details about training and other local CERT teams, visit humboldtcert.com.

With our country's recent experiences with regional disasters, including quite a number here in California, a little preparation and training beforehand can go a long way toward needing to deal with fewer problems afterward.

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